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TOWARDS PEACE.

LABOUR AND CAPITAL CONFER.

IMPORTANT PARLEY OPENS IN LONDON.

MUTUAL GOODWILL.

London, Jan. 12.
The epoch-making conference between a representative group of employers and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress, with the object of promoting industrial peace, opened to-day at Burlington House in private.

Before the Conference, the Council of the T.U.C. had a three hours' discussion on policy, when Mr. A. J. Cook bitterly opposed the Conference.

It is understood that one big Union, with a membership of 300,000, challenged the Council's right to accept the employers' invitation, but the Council decided to proceed with its policy and consult the Unions later if necessary.—*Reuter*.

Important Problems.

Later.
The industrial peace conference sat for three hours.

A joint official statement says that on the motion of Mr. Ben Turner, who is the Chairman of the T.U.C., Sir Alfred Mond was elected to preside.

Sir Alfred explained that the employers were present in their individual capacity and that the conference was to consider general lines of policy. He reviewed the problems to be examined, including the better organisation of industry by means of amalgamations, the introduction of new methods, the transference or pensioning of displaced workers, the improvement of the security and status of the worker who should be given an interest in the business. He added that they could not expect to create heaven on earth, but if they could give Britain freedom from industrial disputes they would place the country, which had always been a leader in these matters, in the forefront.

Labour's Co-Operation.

Mr. Ben Turner emphasised the importance of finding a just and lasting solution of industrial problems and of putting the country on the highway of prosperity.

Sir Alfred Mond announced that the employers had appointed a Committee of seven, with himself as Chairman, to facilitate the work, and Mr. Turner then intimated that the T.U.C. would appoint a similar Committee.

It was agreed that Sir Alfred Mond and Mr. Ben Turner should preside at the meetings alternately.—*Reuter*.

Great Interest.

London, Jan. 12.
Great interest is displayed in the first meeting to-day of the joint conference on co-operation in industry, the ground work for which has been most carefully prepared. Employing interests will be represented by a group of leading industrialists, who have associated themselves with Sir Alfred Mond, and the trade unions will be represented by the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

The area of exploration is the "entire field of industrial re-organization and industrial relations." The Conference is largely the outcome of a widespread feeling, which found expression in a letter from the employers to the Trades Union Congress and which noted: "We believe that the common interests which bind us are more powerful than the apparently divergent interests which seem to separate."

This approach was sympathetically received and it is believed that to-day's conference will lay down lines in which the intricate problems facing industry can be jointly explored. On the eve of this meeting a manifesto of goodwill signed by 109 of the largest employers in the country, 72 Labour Members of Parliament and 13 trade union secretaries is issued by the Industrial Christian Fellowship. The Archbishop of Canterbury, in a separate message, prays that to-day's deliberations may be guided to a wise conclusion.

The Conference will be private but a joint official statement will be issued afterwards. It is being preceded by a special meeting of Trades Union Council.—*British Wireless*.

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR IN BRUSSELS.

YOUTHS TOTALLY WRECK SOVIET EXHIBITION.

SMASHED BEYOND HOPE.

Brussels, Jan. 12.
A party of fifty youths, armed with clubs and knives, and totally wrecked the Soviet Russia Exhibition organised by the Belgian League of International Relations to-day.

A large bust of Lenin was smashed to smithereens at the outset, the youths making this their first mark. Afterwards they destroyed the busts of other prominent Communists, smashed paintings beyond recognition, smashed every particle of furniture and the windows.

The documents, pamphlets, propaganda posters, books and statistics, which were prominently featured, were literally torn to shreds.

Throughout the confusion the riotous crowd were yelling "Down with the Soviets!"

Protest Against Lies.

When things had quietened down somewhat, the youths explained that they belonged to the League of National Youth and that the raid was a protest against "the lies distributed by the organisers of the Exhibition giving a false idea of present Russia and a revolting picture of life in Tsarist Russia."

The Police are conducting an inquiry into the affair.—*Reuter*.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS HARDY.

TO BE BURIED AT WESTMINSTER.

London, Jan. 12.
The late Mr. Thomas Hardy will be laid to rest in Westminster Abbey on Monday.—*Reuter*.

Royal Sympathy.

London, Jan. 12.
It is understood that the question is being considered of offering a burial in Westminster Abbey for the remains of the late Thomas Hardy. The late novelist, however, had always expressed a desire to be interred at Stinsford, near Dorchester, which, under the name of Millbrook, is the scene of his great Wessex novels.

Scores of telegrams from celebrities in English and European literature have been received today at Max Gate, Hardy's home at Dorchester, expressing admiration of the dead writer's genius and condolence with Mrs. Hardy.

One of the first was addressed by the King to Mrs. Hardy and the Queen and Prince Edward, who have sustained by the death of your distinguished husband—a loss that will be shared by all his countrymen in whose literature his name will live permanently. We offer you our deep sympathy in your sorrow.—*British Wireless*.

EXIT THE LANCE.

AN OBSOLETE WEAPON OF WARFARE.

London, Jan. 12.
An Army Order states that it has been decided to abolish the lance as a weapon of war. Henceforth, the lance will not be carried on the field during training but will be retained by the lancer regiments for ceremonial purposes only. Training in the handling and use of this weapon, other than for ceremonial purposes, will be discontinued forthwith.—*British Wireless*.

FROM MESSENGER TO PRESIDENT.

YOUNG BANKER'S RISE.

New York, Jan. 12.
Mr. Robert Clarkson, aged 35, has been elected President of the Chase National Bank. Clarkson began his career as a messenger boy in a brokerage house.—*Reuter's American Service*.

WAR ACTIVITY.

FENGTIEN FORCES PREPARING.

NEW ANTI-FOREIGN MOVE.

Peking, Jan. 12.

The fighting in south-western Shantung continues, but it appears to be only on a small scale. The general lull in the North is exemplified by the absence of leaders from the war zone. General Sun Chuan-fang is at Tientsin and there is no news of his returning to the front, while General Chu Yu-pu is likely to remain in Peking for several days.

It is reported that the Fengtien party is negotiating with General Tang Sen-chi with the object of assisting him to stake a "come back" in Hunan, and it is reported in Peking that the Hunanese have advanced to within 50 miles from Hankow under General Ho Chien.

Reports of peace negotiations with Shansi continue to be published in the press, but it is stated that the Fengtien forces are preparing for a large campaign against Shansi after the New Year if peace is not concluded. They are sending reinforcements to Tientsin with that object.—*Reuter*.

NORTHERN INTRIGUE.

Feng Yu-Hsiang Stirring Anti- Foreign Feeling.

Shanghai, Jan. 12.
It is rumoured that General Chang Chung-chang is now actively associating himself with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, who meanwhile is reported to be deliberately fanning anti-foreign feeling among the Chinese troops. Another general (Sung Chung-wu) is said to be concerned in the intrigue and foreign observers are watching for further developments with some anxiety.—*Naval Wireless*.

NORTHERN AGENTS IN SHANGHAI.

Causing Anxiety to Nationalists.

Shanghai, Jan. 12.
Northern agents, believed to be directed by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, are showing increased activity in the native city, and causing increasing anxiety to the Nationalist Government.

The Military Council at Nanking, in light of recent happenings, is reported to have refused the resignation of General Pei Ching-hsi as Defence Commander of the Shanghai-Woosung area.

Incidentally, Gen. Hsiung Shih-hwei has been appointed to the post for the time being but he has declined the appointment pending instructions from Gen. Pei Ching-hsi.

Hsiung has a residence in the International Settlement and should he finally agree to take up the appointment, radical changes in the civil and military offices are anticipated.

The present holders of these posts are said to be loyal adherents to Pei Ching-hsi's party.—*Naval Wireless*.

NANKING CONFERENCE.

Kuomintang Officials Arrive.

Shanghai, Jan. 12.
Mrs. Liao Chung-kai and four other C.E.C. Members arrived at Nanking at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Immediately on their arrival, they paid a visit to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and gave a detailed report of the recent Canton situation.

As regards the 4th Kuomintang Conference, Mrs. Liao promised that they would attend, since they were welcomed by Marshal Chiang.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

DIPLOMATIC TRIP.

C. C. Wu's European Mission.

Shanghai, Jan. 12.
Mr. C. C. Wu has intimated that he is going to Europe on February 1, via India, Egypt and Turkey for the purpose of making "general observation," after which he plans to visit North, Central and South America.

Although Mr. Wu states he is leaving for a rest and "general study" it is believed the tour is an effort by the Nanking Government to establish diplomatic relations with nations all over the world wherever possible.—*Reuter*.

AMERICA'S HUGE NAVY PROJECTS.

PROGRAMME ALREADY OUT- LINED ONLY A PART.

INTEREST OF OTHER POWERS

Washington, Jan. 12.

In the House of Representatives, before the Naval Committee, Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur disclosed that the Navy Department has drafted a comprehensive 20-year building programme, of which the five-year programme involving the expenditure of G.\$725,000,000 is only a part.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Huge Battleship Outlay.

Later.
In the course of his address to the Navy Committee, Mr. Wilbur said that the programme already given in detail would be spread over ten years, but that a much bigger programme providing for the replacement of battleships would be introduced as soon as that was possible under the Washington Treaty.

The annual cost of battleship replacement would be G. 168,000,000, aggregating G.\$3,000,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service*.

WINDFALL FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

BIG CARNEGIE GRANTS.

Cape Town, Jan. 12.
South Africa is about to receive a windfall from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, as the result of a recent tour by its representatives in South Africa.

The Corporation has decided to offer the proper South African authorities a five-year programme of grants in aid of certain scientific and other projects involving a total expenditure of £100,000.

The programme includes grants of £2,000 per year for five years for scientific and other researches, £4,000 for research into the "poor white" problem, £4,500 to assist libraries, and £18,000 for exchange of visits between South African and American leaders of science, social work and education.

Funds will also be granted to East Africa for education and nursing.—*Reuter*.

KING OF AFGHANIS- TAN'S TOUR.

HONOURED BY THE POPE.

Rome, Jan. 12.
For the first time in history, a King of Afghanistan has passed the threshold of the Vatican, King Amanullah having a half-hour audience with His Holiness the Pope.

Contrary to the usual custom he did not kneel and did not kiss the Pope's hand but merely bowed deeply.

The Pope presented him with an autographed photograph in a silver frame, and conferred upon him the Order of the Golden Spur.

The King of Italy has conferred the Collar of the Order of Annunziata, which is the highest Italian Order upon King Amanullah, who has conferred the highest Afghan Order on the Crown Prince and Signor Mussolini.—*Reuter*.

ZEPPELIN NEARLY READY.

PROBABLY LEAVING FOR NEW YORK IN MAY.

Berlin, Jan. 12.
Working night and day on the Zeppelin designed for the Transatlantic passenger airship service, the LZ127, German engineers have made wonderful strides. It is now anticipated that the finishing touches will see her ready for service at the beginning of May. The LZ127 will proceed to New York directly, her trials have been completed, and will then go to Buenos Aires, hoping afterwards to continue round the world in two or three stages.—*Reuter*.

TO-DAY.

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CANTON TRADE.

OUTLOOK RATHER UNPROMISING.

TWO BIG FAILURES REPORTED

Latest reports from Canton show that the city has not yet recovered from its sufferings as a result of the recent "Ironside" and "Red" upheavals.

To collect all debts from their customers at this period of the year has always been the rule among the Chinese commercial community, but this year, partly due to the restricted volume of trade conducted at present and partly due to the tightness of silver and the banknote troubles, business and financial men in Canton hold the view that few of the shops or hongs will be able to collect even thirty per cent. of their debts.

Business men further say that few, if any, of the leading businesses in Canton will be able to accumulate much profit for the year now closing. It is feared that a considerable number of shops will be closed down after the Chinese New Year festivities. Some may not re-open at all, while it will take the majority some time to re-finance and re-organise their businesses.

Public confidence in the Central Bank notes is still very doubtful and according to one report a good number of tea-houses and restaurants have had to suspend business temporarily for the reason that they would rather do no business than be forced by their customers to accept Central Bank notes owing to continued fluctuations. Some of the restaurants and tea-houses which are still open have had to double their charge to customers who produce Central Bank notes in payment of their bills.

Poor People Hit.

During the recent troubles, many of the poor people pawned their clothes and other belongings, but now they find most of the pawnshops shut. Even when they discover one doing business, they seldom get more than twenty per cent. of the value of the property pawned.

Despite the fact that the Chinese New Year festivities are approaching, the usual centres of trade are very quiet. The people suffered so much during the "Red" insurrection and so many of their houses were gutted by incendiary fires that they are now busying themselves with matters of a more serious nature than the spending of money in New Year shopping at the bazaars.

Recent Failures.

Though business conditions in the city are somewhat depressing, the police have succeeded in preserving peace and order, and few cases of robbery and theft are reported. Corpses of armed police still patrol the various districts.

A big china-ware shop in the Shin Kee district, announced its bankruptcy two days ago, with liabilities of \$300,000 while a peace-goods firm also closed down on the same day. The latter is said to be owing debts to other business hongs to the extent of \$200,000.

New Officials.

Canton, Jan. 13.
General Feng Cho-man, who returned to Canton from Swatow on Wednesday, is shortly to resume his office as Finance Commissioner of Kwangtung.

Mr. Lam Wen-kai, the present acting Finance Commissioner, is preparing to hand over the office to the new Commissioner.

General Feng was last night entertained by Generals Li Chai-sum and Wang Shao-hung at a banquet in the Kwai Yuen, formerly the residence of Mr. Wang Ching-wei but now the residence of General Wang.

Mr. Wang Lung-shan, Manager of the Central Bank, yesterday announced that resumption of cashing the Government notes cannot be effected to-day, as was previously announced. The Manager declared that all the cashing depots will be able to resume on the 20th inst.

On a charge of refusing to accept the Central Bank notes, the office of the Kwangtung Water Works Company was raided by order of General Tang Yin-wah, the Police Chief, yesterday afternoon. The chief clerk was arrested and all the other employees of the Water Company fled.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

CANTON BANKNOTE CASE.

FORMER OFFICIALS AGAIN REMANDED.

DECISION TO-MORROW?

A further remand was ordered this morning when the case in which Wong Chung-chu, former Finance Commissioner in the "Ironside" regime at Canton, and Choy Shiu-am, General Manager of the General Bank during the same period, are charged with being in unlawful possession of a sum of \$100,000.

When the proceedings again came up before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Police Court, after being remanded from Tuesday, the number of legal luminaries interested in the case was added to by the inclusion of counsel. Besides Mr. M. K. Lo, who is appearing for the defence, and Mr. R. A. Wadson, of Messrs. Deacons, who had been previously instructed by the present Canton Government—which is undertaking this prosecution—there were also present the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, also of Messrs. Deacons; and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, Counsel, who now announced that he was instructed by the Canton Government.

Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence, representing the Police authorities) in reply to his Worship stated:

I ask your Worship to grant a further remand of 24 hours, in order to enable me to reconsider the position to-morrow morning. Yesterday, or rather late last night, we received a requisition from the Governor of Canton, and other witnesses who have arrived. But, so far, we have been unable to go into it, and it is our hope that something will be done within the next twenty-four hours, when it will be possible to reconsider the matter and decide definitely on the line of action to be taken. I would add that the original remand of three days was requested, because, being in police custody, that was the extreme limit of remand in police custody. Had I known that they would be able to find bail, I would have asked your Worship to fix a longer remand.

His Worship:—I imagine you have no objection, Mr. Lo?

Mr. Lo:—No, your Worship.

His Worship:—Defendants therefore stand remanded until 10 a.m. to-morrow. Bail as before.

[Bail, which was fixed to correspond to the amount of the sum in respect of which defendants are charged, was split up into two equal amounts of \$50,000, after considerable urging by Mr. M. K. Lo at the previous hearing. For the defendants it was stated that they were merely acting as servants, in the transfer of the money, for a regime which is said to be opposed to the present Government of General Li Chai-sum, from which the present requisition against the two defendants emanates.]

JAPAN'S FOREIGN TRADE.

COMPLETED FIGURES FOR 1927.

Tokyo, Jan. 12.
The Finance Department's figures for foreign trade last year show:

Formosa—Exports Yen.44,500,000. Imports Yen.65,500,000.

Korea—Exports Yen.28,000,000. Imports Yen.113,900,000.

It is added that in connexion with the figures for Japan proper, which were issued earlier, the totals are:—Exports Yen.2,046.8 million; Imports Yen.2,356.3 million—an adverse balance of 292 million.—*Reuter*.

GERMAN STEEL PRICES SOARING.

EFFECT OF SHORTER HOURS AND MORE PAY.

Dusseldorf, Jan. 12.
Owing to the introduction of the eight-hour day and the increased wages now being paid, the German Steel Trust has increased the prices of raw steel from 3 to 8 marks per tons for home consumption.—*Reuter*.

GHASTLY SCENE.

SHANGHAI'S "SIDNEY STREET."

GRAPHIC STORY OF GRIM ALL NIGHT SIEGE.

OVERWHELMING ODDS.

The most amazing episode in the annals of Shanghai crime, last Friday's "Sidney Street" affair, when an armed outlaw besieged by Police and soldiers held out for sixteen hours against all the resources of military warfare except of course artillery, is graphically described in the full story to hand to-day.

The man was trapped on Friday, and the grim siege continued through the dark hours until early on Saturday morning when Sergt. Menzies of the Reserve squad, showing extreme bravery, mounted a fire escape and emptied his revolver into the man.

Mills grenades, tear gas bombs, and concentrated rifle and machine-gun fire failed to silence the outlaw, a kidnapper, and after he had failed to surrender on demand at 11.25 p.m. on Friday, operations were suspended until daylight. The following account of the subsequent proceedings is from the *N. C. D. News*, and one cannot withhold a form of admiration for the bandit's courage.

Outlaw's End.

In determined fashion, operations recommenced at 8.5 a.m. on Saturday. A fire escape was placed at the window of the attic and Sergt. Menzies of the Reserve squad mounted it with a view to determining whether the man was dead. As his head appeared in view, the bandit raised himself from his crouching position underneath the window sill and fired at the police officer. The latter immediately emptied his pistol at the man, who was seen to collapse but before he finally gave himself to death against overwhelming odds, he fired his last shot, which whistled past the officer on the fire escape. At this moment it was not known whether he had succumbed and more Mills grenades were hurled into the room but nothing more was heard from the besieged man. Later, the door of the room was smashed in and the man was found huddled up between the window and the door leading to the next attic.

Terrible Injuries.

An examination of his body showed that no less than eighteen bullets had entered at different points: a piece of flesh as large as a teaspoon had been blown off his calf, and his face was a mass of wounds, caused no doubt, by splinters from the Mills bombs. A bullet had penetrated his right eye, another had entered his temple. The sight was distressing, his body being a mass of wounds and, in order to stop the flow of blood, the man had torn down the curtains covering the window and had used these to staunch the rush of blood.

The state of the room was almost indescribable; he lay in a corner in a pool of blood, the floor was an inch deep in plaster dust, the walls were penetrated by hundreds of bullets and the floor was in splinters. Not a square foot was intact. He must have spent the night in agonies, as patches of blood mixed with the plaster dust showed where he had moved from spot to spot in order to evade the many bullets which were poured in. A water tank above the attic had been penetrated and the drip of the water added an eerie note to the scene which confronted those who gained admittance after the man had been killed.

Splintered wood, empty cartridge cases and empty tear-gas bombs surrounded the body and it is nothing short of miraculous how the man managed to evade a death-dealing bullet or bomb fragment.

Right Hand Smashed.

When found, the man's right hand was almost blown to pieces. Apparently a bullet had struck the fleshy part of the hand, passed through the trigger guard and then taken off the top of the man's middle finger. He then shot with his left hand and his pistol was found close to his left side with the butt almost wrenched off.

All police officers engaged immediately in the line of fire wore bullet-proof vests and it is satisfactory to note that there was no loss of life amongst the police, although Sub-Insp. Watson was unfortunate in sustaining a wound in the right ankle.

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ST. GEORGE'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

FIRST PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY.

The first annual prize-giving ceremony in connection with one of the newest additions to the educational institutions of the Colony—the St. George's Girls' School, at Arbutnot Road—was held in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., at Bridges Street, yesterday afternoon. There were present Professor Hinton, who distributed the prizes, members of the committee and staff of the School, and a large gathering of pupils and their parents and friends.

The Report.

The Headmistress (Mrs. Chan Cheuk-wai) read the first annual report of the School, as follows:—
Through the efforts of a party of worthy gentlemen and philanthropists the school was organized in the spring of 1927. It aims at not so much the acquisition of knowledge as the establishment of moral habits, as behind school studies and careers is the still greater task of developing manly and womanly character. We therefore lay emphasis on the cultivation of moral ideas and feelings. At the same time we try to develop, as much as circumstances allow, our pupils' creativeness and individuality.

This school was started on the 15th January, 1927, with eight students. By the end of the next month this small number was increased by thirty-four, and thus became forty-four, and steadily rose up to sixty. There were four classes, viz. 6, 7, 8a and 8b. In the coming year we hope to be able to have classes 5 and 4, if we are given enough support.

The attendance during the year was satisfactory, and that of the second was comparatively better than that of the first. The average percentage attendance was the good figure of 90%. The health of the school was good, as few pupils took sick leave.

Social Gatherings.

We had several interesting picnics in the year, thanks to the organizer of them, Miss Pok Kim-ho. The most successful ones were that to Shatin which was attended by a great number and that to Kowloon Tong attended by a greater one.

A school concert was held in Lee Garden on October 10. Much of the dramatic skill of the students was shown in the play contributed to it. The successful result of the play reflected their keen interest in it, and a very good lesson in co-operation was inculcated in their minds. Most of the students helped in the play: some of them borrowed costumes for the actresses, and various articles for the play, some helped in dressing the actresses, while others gave financial aid. I take this opportunity to thank the supporters of the play, particularly the energetic manager, Miss Pearl Young, who devoted so much time to it and obtained suitable dresses for some of the actresses.

In October, when the little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged came to ask help for the Home, the students responded generously: a sum of \$17.50 was immediately collected.

Work Satisfactory.

I am much pleased to report that the students behaved themselves very well and their work, on the whole, was satisfactory. In the second term we tried the credit system and a marked progress was soon noted in the students' work.

Before concluding, I must express my best thanks to our benefactors—to those who so generously contributed to our prize fund and particularly to Messrs. Chan Shu-ming, Li Pak-luk, and Yau Ching-hin. I thank also all members of the staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and sup-

port throughout the year. I deeply regret to lose the valuable service of Mr. Wong She-yuen, the teacher in charge of the Chinese Department of the School. He resigned at the end of the first term owing to ill-health. Fortunately, this loss was compensated when we secured the capable services of Mr. Ng Shiu-chung at the beginning of the second term.

It now remains for me to thank, on behalf of the school, Prof. Hinton for having so kindly consented to give us his valuable time to distribute the prizes, and Mr. Li King-hong, Dr. Au Tai-in for honouring us with their presence.

The First Time.

Professor Hinton, at the conclusion of the distribution of the prizes, said:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I have been years in Hongkong, and this is the first occasion on which I have had the pleasure of giving away prizes. I hasten to add, for fear of misunderstanding, this is not the first time I have been asked to do so. It is a remarkable coincidence that I have always been engaged on the day on which prizes are given to school-children. Sometimes I was engaged at the very time I had been asked to give away prizes. But on this occasion, being asked to give away prizes in a school in which some of my old students are interested, I feel that I must do it. Now, you may wonder why I should not like to distribute prizes, and I will tell you why. When I was at school, many years ago now, an important gentleman used to come to my school to give away prizes. He and others always said the same things. For instance, they always said that the happiest days were the days they spent in school. As I and most of my schoolfellows were looking forward eagerly to the day when we leave school, it is not surprising that we did not believe what he said. I have often wondered whether they were there, because when I was a boy in school I had to work very hard, and I cannot honestly say those were the happiest days of my life, because I was never fond of hard work. So I feel that it is not due for me to give away prizes and to make these terrible confessions in public.

Teaching Methods Improved.

Now, I understand that everything has changed in schools since I was a boy. Lessons are pleasant, the method of teaching is so improved that all boys and girls alike are anxious to go to school. This, I am sure, is especially true of St. George's Girls' School. It is one of the most remarkable things of modern education, that we have learned to make all the work interesting and pleasant, and to get as the result, much better studies in the school and prevent much of that unhappiness which was our portion.

I congratulate you girls of St. George's School, for being in this school than in the one I was more years ago than I can remember. I congratulate the prize-winners on the beautiful prizes they have got, and on the distinction which they have achieved.

I have a word for those who did not win prizes, and who perhaps are disappointed. This is always so, because we all like to get prizes, and those who have not got prizes are naturally and properly disappointed. There is a saying that there is plenty of time for all of them to get prizes in the future. If they don't get prizes distributed to them on the platform, let them remember there are plenty of prizes in life which are just as beautiful and just as desirable. Everybody is a prize-winner at least once in life, and in the meantime, they are able to do so in school where they are to get the fullest benefits of education.

Congratulations.

Now, I must also congratulate the Headmistress on the wonderful progress that has been made during the year, and also the

A FATAL BLOW.

STUDENT CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

All seating accommodation in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's court was occupied yesterday afternoon, when the hearing of the case against Lo Chi-hing for manslaughter of Ho Kwong-hoi commenced. Many members of the South China Athletic Association, as well as a number of students from St. Paul's College, followed the proceedings with keen interest.

It will be recalled that of Christmas night Lo Chi-hing is alleged to have struck a youth named Ho Kwong-hoi at the South China Athletic Club's premises in China Building, which caused the latter's death about twelve hours later.

Mr. L. D. Turner appeared for the defendant and Mr. W. D. Owen watched the interests of the family of the deceased youth. The prosecution was conducted by Sub-Inspector Silmon.

Evidence was given yesterday by the mother of the deceased and two students of St. Paul's College, from which it could be gathered that a party of schoolboys were at the S.C.A.A.'s Club between seven and eight o'clock in the evening on Christmas Day. Following a little "horse play" on the part of the defendant, a scuffle ensued between him and the deceased and a few blows were exchanged, the last blow being one delivered by the defendant. There were two distinct statements as to the nature and location of this last blow. According to one witness it was delivered with an open hand on the left cheek, below the temple, while another stated that it was struck with a clenched fist on the left side of the head between the eye and the ear. The witness who made the latter statement also said that the blow was swift and hard, while the witness who stated that the blow was delivered with the open palm added that he did not think it was unusually forceful.

After the fight, the parties separated, the defendant, according to evidence, leaving the Club shortly after 8 p.m.

Mother's Evidence.

Regarding the deceased, the mother in the witness box stated that her son returned home a little after eight o'clock and he appeared to be very pale in the face. He soon began to vomit and at the same time complained of a pain on the side of his head. Her son bore no outward signs of injury and she could not understand what had happened. Finally, at 11 p.m. that night, she summoned the assistance of a Chinese doctor, but to no purpose, for at 4 a.m. the following morning the youth became delirious and ran about the house like a madman, having apparently lost his sanity temporarily. At six o'clock the same morning he died and his body was later removed to the Public Mortuary.

In answer to Mr. Turner's witness said that her son told her that he had a fall in the street on his way home and that the place where the accident occurred was somewhat steep. She pressed her son regarding the exact spot where the accident occurred, intending to worship the "joss" of that place, but he steadfastly refused to reveal where the accident occurred. When the lad passed away, the mother had no idea as to why her son had died, other than that he had a fall in the street.

In answer to further questions by Mr. Turner, witness said that on the morning of her son's death several school friends called at the house looking for the deceased. They were informed by deceased's

whole staff for the share which they had in that progress. I must congratulate those public-spirited ladies and gentlemen who have helped the school; and I will conclude with two things also, very common at prize-givings. Firstly, I will wish all success and prosperity to St. George's Girls' School in the future; and, secondly, I will ask the Headmistress to give the School a whole day's holiday to make up for this very long and boring speech. (Applause.)

elder brother that the lad was dead.

A Little Deception.

A nephew of the witness who happened to be in the house suggested that perhaps the boys knew something of why the deceased should come home in such a condition. A quick conference was held, as a result of which the boys were then told that the deceased was not yet dead but was in the Government Civil Hospital. After this announcement, a boy named Lo Man-pan, a student of St. Paul's College, told the family of the occurrence at the South China Club the night before.

In answer to Mr. Turner's witness said that the reason why the boys were deceived about her son's death was that she intended to elicit some information as to whether or not her son had been molested by any person.

A misunderstanding arose at this stage, Mr. Turner suggesting that witness had stated that, as a result of what the boys told her regarding the scuffle, she changed the story of the boy's death into one of illness.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that witness, who was speaking through the Court interpreter, might not understand the chronological order of Mr. Turner's questions.

Mr. Turner: Unless I can get my questions interpreted as they are spoken, it makes things very difficult. The whole point was where she changed the stories. The questions being put to witness once again, she repeated her former statement.

Distressing Questions.

At this stage Dr. J. W. Anderson entered the Court and after a short conference with the doctor Mr. Turner expressed his regret to his Worship at having to ask a few distressing questions. Addressing the witness, Mr. Turner asked her if she had examined her son's body prior to, or after his death for marks of injury.

Witness replied that she made a thorough examination of his body but found no marks except a swelling on the left temple.

Mr. Turner proceeded to ask other questions when his Worship interposed and informed Mr. Turner that Dr. Cannon would be giving a full medical report at a later stage.

Mr. Turner said that he would like to put a few questions as he thought that bruises and marks would change if the body was examined, say, forty-eight hours after death.

Witness stated that she made a minute examination of her son's head but found no mark of injury. The case was adjourned until 11 a.m. this morning, when Dr. A. Cannon will be called as the first witness.

STEALING BRICKS.

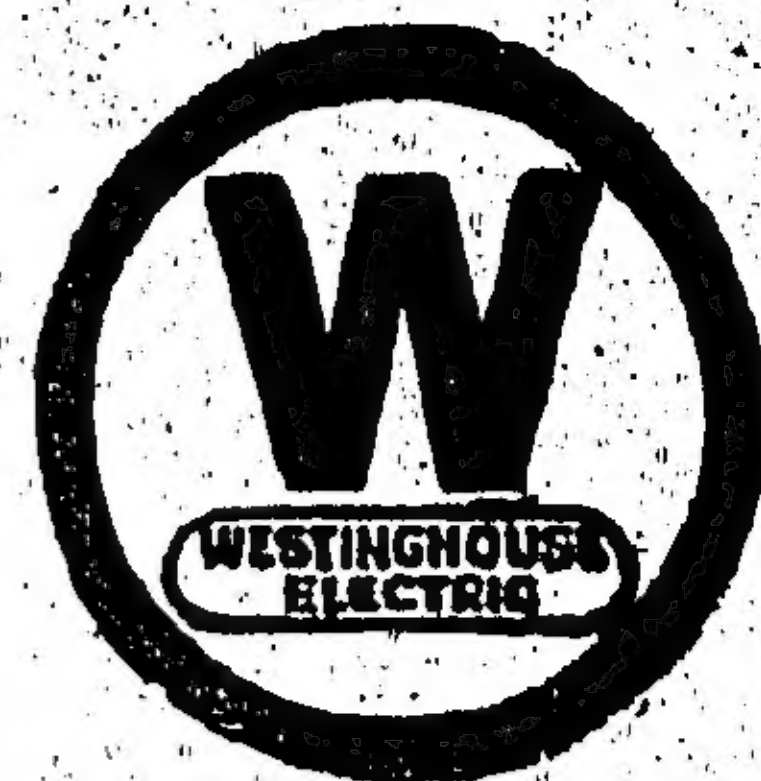
USED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FISH POND.

A Chinese male and female appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on charges of unlawfully stealing 250 bricks from No. 120, Kowloon Tong, and, alternatively, with receiving the bricks knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The woman admitted the first charge and accepted responsibility. The man, when questioned, said that he made use of the bricks but was not aware that they had been stolen although the woman had previously suggested taking same from No. 120, Kowloon Tong. He had told her not to touch them.

The woman was seen carrying a number of bricks to No. 31, Kowloon Tong where the defendants were engaged in constructing a fish pond. It was found that a large number of bricks belonging to the Kowloon Tong Development Company had already been used.

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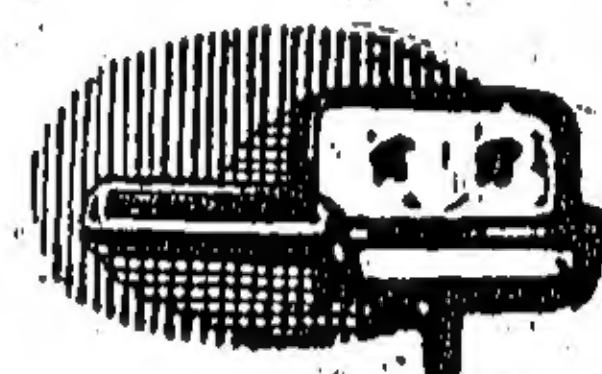
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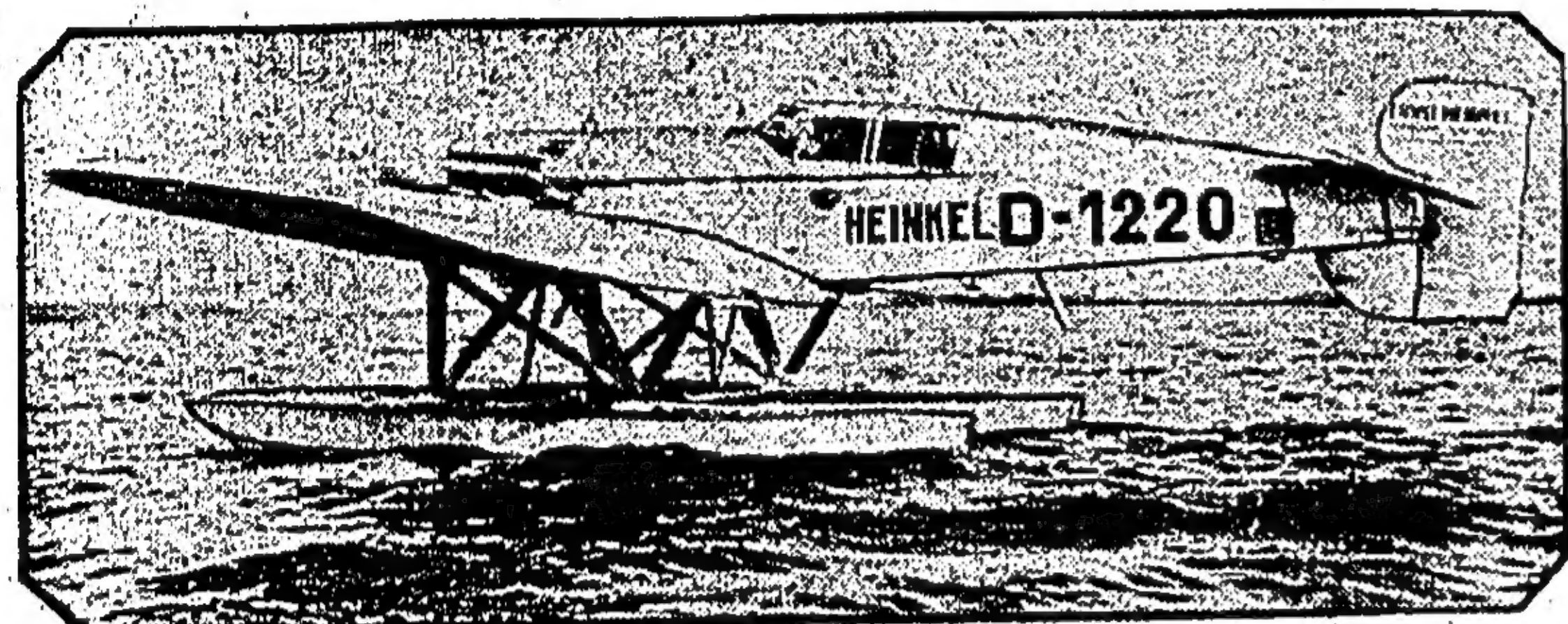
AND HIM, CONFUCIUS SAY, "MAN, HIM GLEATER THAN SMALLER WHEN HIM HALF GLEATER THAN HIM HALF SMALLER, OR ALLEE SAMEEE GLEAT BY BEING SMALL!"

WHAT'S HE TELLIN' YA, SAM?

SOMETHIN' ABOUT THIS CHINESE GUY, CONFUSION!!



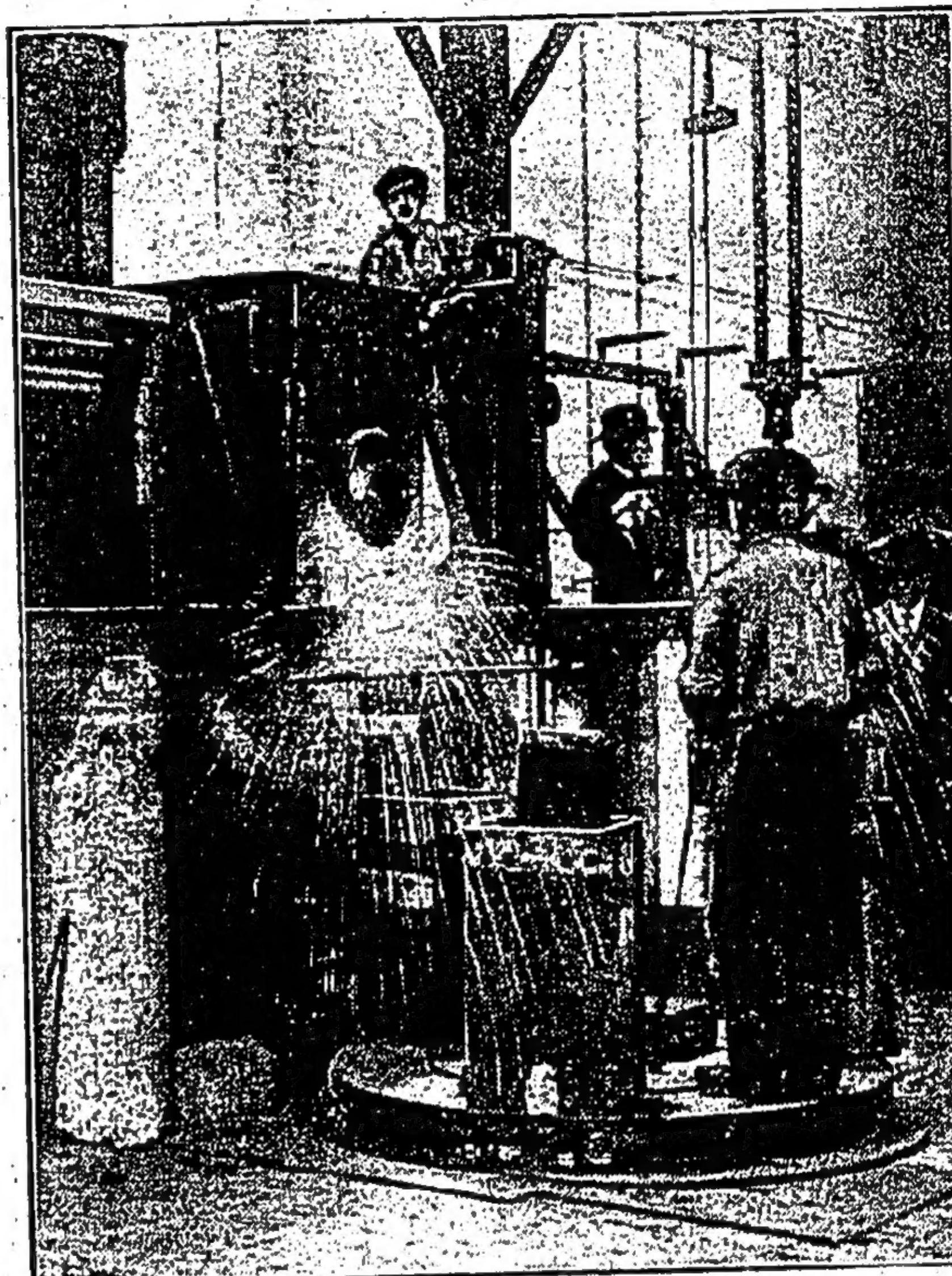
A charming presentation of R. H. Benson's Mystery Play, written in "Honour of the Nativity of Our Lord" was given recently at St. Joseph's Convent Shanghai, by former pupils of the school.



Among the German aspirants to first westward trans-Atlantic flight honours were pilots Mertz and Rode, who set out for New York from Warnemünde in a single-motored Junkers seaplane. At Lisbon, whence they were to hop to the Azores, a broken oil line delayed them. Mertz and Rode are pictured at the top left while their plane is depicted above.



Training has commenced at the Newark, N. J., velodrome for the annual big-money grind at Madison Square Garden for the six-day bike stars from many countries. Sunning themselves on the track here are (left to right) Georgotti, Italy; Aerts, Belgium; McNamara, United States; Van Nek, Holland; Walker, Australia; Coles, Canada, and Petri, Germany.



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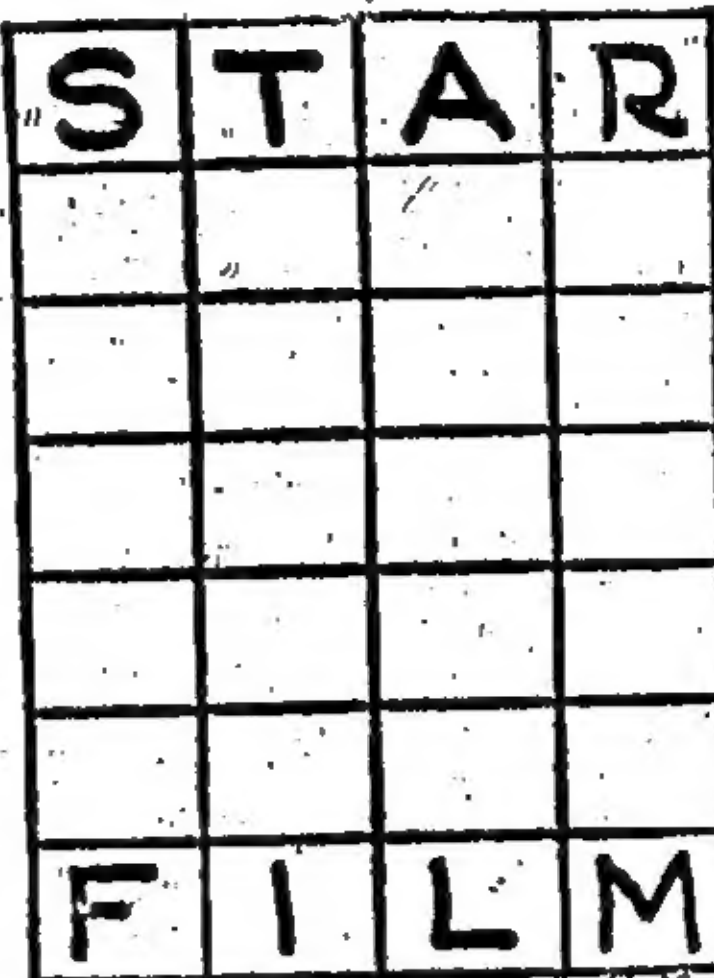
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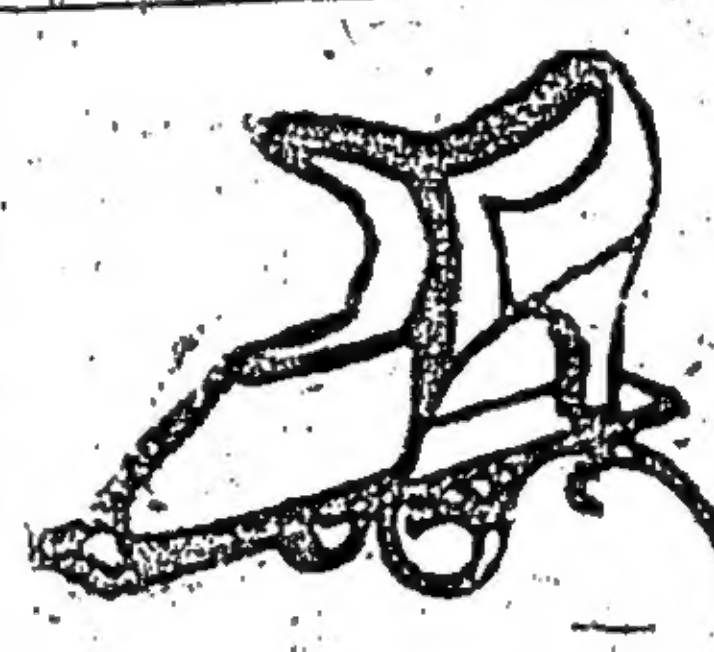
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(Continued from Page 1.)

Obliging Tenants.

It must be emphasized that the room in which the kidnapper sought refuge was not in the house in which the kidnapped Chinese merchant was found. It was in an adjoining residence of a highly respectable Chinese gentleman who, on request, removed his family and authorized the police to use any methods which they thought expedient. The tenants of the adjoining residence must also be mentioned. They were kept from their beds throughout the night and slept in chairs in the basement, whilst searchlights, machine guns, etc., were transported through their home in the attempt to dislodge the bandit. Effectually ensconced in their neighbour's house.

Notwithstanding the situation created by one man holding up the entire police force, great credit must be given to those in charge of the operations. They could have ordered men to enter the room. They did not, although there were plenty of volunteers willing to take the risk and, as was shown, the man was not dead at 2 o'clock in the morning when operations were suspended and, moreover, six hours after, was able to shoot when attacked by those deputized to effect his capture.

Commencement of Siege. The police for a time were at a loss as to how they should handle the situation, but when they knew late on Friday night that the man could not get out, and acting under Captain Barrett's instruction, they made no attempt to get into the room. Men were deployed to all points of vantage and every exit was closely guarded. The majority had taken cover in the compound below and watched the front window of the small attic room where the bandit had taken refuge. Foreign members of the Reserve unit guarded the door leading to another attic room, whilst still others covered the main door which opened on the staircase. The rear window was barred, but knowing the desperate character of

the trapped man, the police, fearing that he might possibly wrench the bars away, took position on a house-top behind.

Aside the soldiers in the pass, several expert civilian marksmen were called in to do guard duty. They were armed with high power Remington rifles. Against their fire, the man, who moved from window to window and to the door, appeared to bear a charmed life. Whether he was struck during the night by pistol or rifle bullets is unknown. The civilian marksmen, depending on their high velocity rifles, pursued different tactics, and instead of waiting for him to show himself, fired through walls of the house on a line about one foot above the floor, hoping to kill the bandit where he lay prone away from windows.

Failure of Tear Gas. The criminal was a clever man, however, and seemed to have a method of meeting every attack. When the soldiers threw in bombs, he crouched below the window, and most of the flying pieces of metal passed over his body. The inexplicable portion of the whole incident is that the tear-gas bombs failed to subdue him. They appeared to have no effect whatsoever.

He used extreme caution in meeting the police, conserving his ammunition. He never fired unless he had a target, and then usually but once. He could not have had more than 15 rounds for his 32 calibre pistol and at 8 a.m. he still had his last round, which he fired at the police at the door.

It is believed in official circles that it was not until early morning that the Chinese was fatally wounded. There appears to be no question that P. S. Menzies' fire was effective, but on the other hand, an attack from below with a Thompson machine gun, probably brought him down. P. S. McCahey was instructed to shoot through the floor. In pursuance of these instructions, and using the Thompson machine gun, he literally made a sieve of the ceiling of the lower room and attic floor. The bandit must have been struck by at least three or four bullets.

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The N.Y.K. s.s. *Kwongchow*, which sank in the 1906 typhoon, was raised and beached in Lanchow Bay.

A disastrous fire in Shanghai completely gutted the Central Hotel annex.

Mr. F. Jung took over the management of the Deutsche Asiatische Bank in Hongkong.

The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., showed gross earnings for the year of \$124,050. A dividend of 8 per cent. was recommended.

Sir Matthew Nathan was gazetted Brevet Lieutenant Colonel for services of a distinguished nature other than those in the field.

FILM OF THRILLS.

"THE FIRE BRIGADE" AT THE QUEEN'S

Powerful acting, "superlative photography and red thrills are the outstanding features of 'The Fire Brigade,' now showing at the Queen's Theatre. It is in several regards one of the most remarkable pictures seen locally for a very long time, in which connection the scenes of fire-engines rushing to answer alarm calls and the depicting of two disastrous conflagrations are intensely realistic and thrilling. If only for the insight which it gives into modern fire-fighting methods, and the risks and dangers of the fireman's life, the film is well worth seeing.

There are, however, other aspects which are sure to satisfy, including really wonderful colour-scenes of a fancy dress dance, to say nothing of the pretty romance which runs through the story. The Queen's Orchestra, under Mr. Grovini, makes a big hit with the special musical score and effects which help to keep excitement running high. The main parts are taken by May McAvoy and Charles Ray, who have never been seen in better work, whilst amongst the other members of a very strong cast Eugene Bessner is deserving of special mention.

PETER B. KYNE FILM.

"WAR PAINT" AT QUEEN'S ON SUNDAY.

A new type of Western film, quite as exciting as the ordinary run but a great deal more convincing, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday. According to a special advertisement in today's issue, this picture is "War Paint," the screen version of a stirring tale by Peter B. Kyne, author of "Cappy Ricks" and a dozen other popular novels. The leading players are the new screen star, Colonel Tim McCoy, the popular leading lady Pauline Starke and Karl Dane, "Slim" of "The Big Parade." The action of "War Paint" moves at a rapid pace and there are some thrilling moments when the greatest personal daring is exhibited. The camera work sets a new standard for Western films and the picture is notable for the interesting glimpses it gives of Red Indians and their customs.

This little model is specially fresh and dainty expressed in grey and white plaid cashmere, finished with a Peter Pan collar of white organdy and a red foulard artist bow.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Table-Cloth.

COMES BACK INTO FASHION.

Economics and fashion are always playing into each other's hands. A good many years ago—certainly before the war—damask (and so-called damask) table-cloths went out of fashion. They had been in vogue for a long time, for it was in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries that first the Flemish and later the French refugees brought to Norwich, to Dunfermline, to Belfast the craft of weaving them, and so started what grew to be a universal practice.

They went out of fashion because the cost of buying them and still more the cost of having them washed were too great for the budget of the ordinary household. If it be true, says the *Times* in a leading article, that they are coming back into fashion, the reason must be sought in economics. And it is probably this: that good dining-tables are beyond price, and that most housewives are ashamed to show any longer the dining-tables that they have.

Better the anxiety and the expense of a table-cloth than the shame of such a table as the common product of to-day, a poor thing when new, and now blistered by hot dishes, stained by spilled food, and obstinately refusing to take a passable polish. The *Days of Mahogany*. It was different in old days.

Popular Plaid.



This little model is specially fresh and dainty expressed in grey and white plaid cashmere, finished with a Peter Pan collar of white organdy and a red foulard artist bow.

with the old tables of mahogany. All through dinner they were covered with thick damask, and probably there was felt under the damask.

Then, when the last course was eaten, the coverings were whipped off, like the blanket off a thoroughbred, and there was the mahogany.

Only years of elbow-grease (an hour every week-day morning was the rule in properly conducted houses) could have given it

Milady Sparkles.



At least she may of an evening, if she chooses this new sophisticated headress of rhinestones.

hat unflecked and sober gleam; and candlelight, passing through the decanters, touched it here and there to a rosy glow.

Wine and walnuts, were wine and walnuts then; and no one was in a hurry to smoke at such a board. To-day the like can be found only in a few fortunate houses, and in the august messes and ward-rooms.

Back then, to damask, or something like damask may be, that shall cover decently the table which no mats have availed to keep respectable. In these days we have dined so soon as we have swallowed the last morsel of food; and cigarettes can be smoked as well at the bridge-table as at the dining-table and round the loud-speaker as round the mahogany.

In the United States.

That, no doubt, is one reason why, as is reported, the use of the table-cloth will become common in the United States.

In a country where no one drinks wine or any form of alcohol there can be no reason for having tables over which the company would wish to linger.

But it seems a little maladroitness in the designers of the new patterns of damask table-cloth to have included in their figure-subjects Bacchante revels. To have beneath the eye ivy-crowned Bacchus and old Silenus and all the Naxian rout, and in the glass nothing but iced water—this would be indeed a paradox.

The Cocktail Mood.

English diners may safely look to their cocktails to put them in sympathetic mood with the merry scene. Others among the classical subjects which are to be woven will require to be carefully considered when the clean linen is given out.

The Trojan wars would not be a wise choice for some family parties, nor the stories of Midas for the entertainment of a rich uncle.

In time, no doubt, these figure-subjects will be no more looked

Mildew on Clothes.

DAMP SALT EXCELLENT.

Damp is always the first cause of mildew and often clothes stored during some months in a cupboard in a sunless room will develop these disgusting marks. For that reason the clothes should be examined at frequent intervals and the door of the cupboard left open to the air. A recently developed patch of mildew is comparatively easy to deal with, but long standing marks are extremely difficult to eradicate.

Damp salt is an excellent cure in many cases, and it should be well rubbed into the stain and the garment hung out in warm sunshine. Treatment extending over several days may be necessary, but it is nearly always successful in the end. Vigorous rubbing with household soap and then with precipitated chalk, which should be allowed to remain for about an hour will usually remove the mildew from linen and cotton goods. If after thorough rinsing the stain is still visible repeat the process.

at than were the familiar leaves and scrolls of old time, except by the children of the house, who will be hardly indeed restrained from picking out the armour of Hector in marmalade and the robe of Helen in black-currant jam.

But in adopting the figure-subject the designers are only returning to an ancient practice. The Victoria and Albert Museum has more than one early piece of damask with figures Biblical or heraldic and with portraits.

For the Spring.



Crepe de chine in a dull bronze-green shade makes a smart and useful suit. Both coat and skirt are trimmed with tiny tucks, while the modish cross-over waistcoat is in green and gold brocade.

CRICKET.

SUBMARINES BEAT THE KOWLOON C.C.

A weak Kowloon C.C. team went down heavily to the Submarines on the K.C.C. ground yesterday afternoon. The home team, batting only nine men, were all dismissed for 66. The visitors passed this total with only two wickets down and eventually completed 168 for the loss of only six wickets. Scores:

Kowloon C.C.	
J. C. Lyle, c Sparrow, b Hill	28
G. A. V. Hall, b Hill	0
H. T. Buxton, b Hill	0
C. Moore, c Littleton, b Hill	0
Capt. F. G. Davis, c Davis, b Sparrow	10
A. H. Brown, not out	4
N. H. Ross, b Sparrow	0
J. S. Lyon, Littleton, b Sparrow	4
J. Jones, b Hill	1
Extras	0
Total	56

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hill	15	10	20	5
Sparrow	14.4	4	37	3

Submarines.

McNair, c and b Davis	3
Orchard, b Lyle	32
Sparrow, c and b Davis	17
Debenham, b Davis	43
Collins, l.b.w. Davis	4
Hill, not out	46
Lonsdale, b Davis	18
Extras	18
Total (for 6 wickets)	168

Davis, Littleton, Herbert and Venn did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyle	10	34	1	3
Davis	8.4	42	5	3
Brown	5	28	1	0
Ross	3	13	1	0
Buxton	4	21	1	0
Moore	2	12	1	0

D. B. S. MATCH.

The Rest Defeats Inter-House Winners.

Yellow House, the winners of the Inter-House cricket matches of the Diocesan Boys' School, played the Rest of the School on Wednesday. An exciting match ended in a win for the Rest by two runs.

Scores:

Yellow House.	
W. H. Kwan, c Kyum, b A. T. Lee	2
F. K. Lee, c Zimmern	18
F. Shirazee, run out	8
Pong Pun Fong, b A. T. Lee	0
Ma Chiu Chong, b Kyum	14
R. Lee, b A. T. Lee	15
J. Channing, c and b A. T. Lee	7
N. Broadbridge, c Anderson, b A. T. Lee	0
G. Lindblom, c Anderson, b Zimmern	8
R. Chan, not out	0
Leung Cheuk Kau, did not bat	0
Extras	13
Total	85

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. T. Lee	14	3	20	5
D. Anderson	11	3	21	1
F. Zimmern	5	18	2	0
A. S. A. Kyum	3	13	1	1

The Rest.

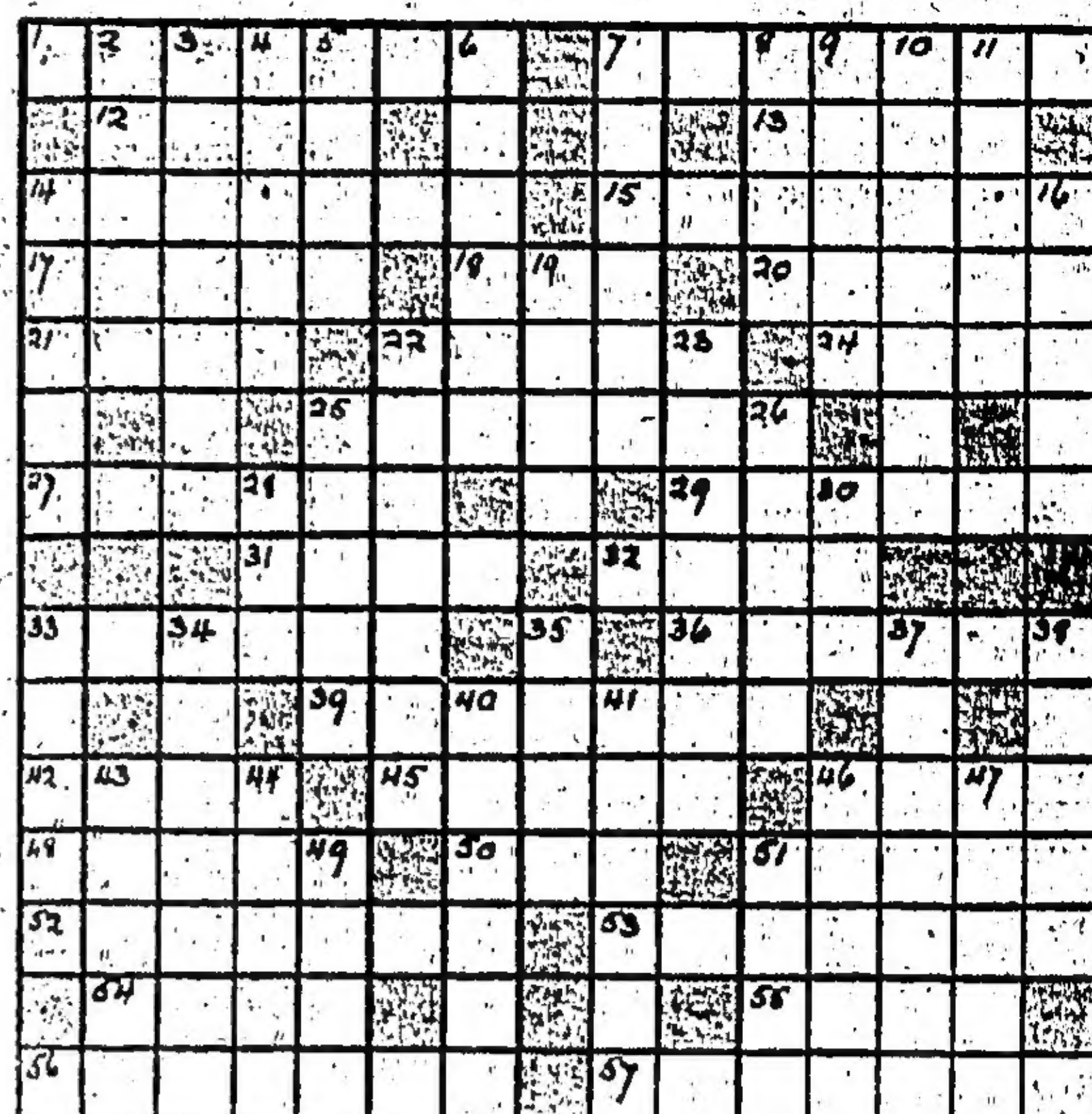
D. Anderson, retired	58
F. Zimmern, c F. Lee, b Kwan	8
G. A. Lee, c Ma, b Kwan	0
A. T. Lee, b Lee	0
A. Kyum, l.b.w. Kwan	0
F. Waller, c Kwan	6
J. Waller, c and b Lee	7
L. C. Chan, run out	0
A. T. Nomanbhoy, not out	0
H. Jackson, b Ma	0
Cheung Kam To, c Pong, b Ma	0
Extras	4
Total	87

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Lee	12	1	48	2
W. H. Kwan	12	1	35	4
G. Lindblom	1	1	1	0
Ma Chiu Chong	1	1	2	0

H.K.C.C. 1st XI v Civil Service. The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in the match to be played on the Hongkong Cricket ground on Saturday the 14th inst at 2 p.m.: H. R. B. Han, A. W. Hayward, T. E. Pearce, D. W. Leach, H. V. Parker, H. J. Armstrong, W. K. Tait, K. F. Batger, J. E. Hancock, M. Scott and F. Syme Thompson.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

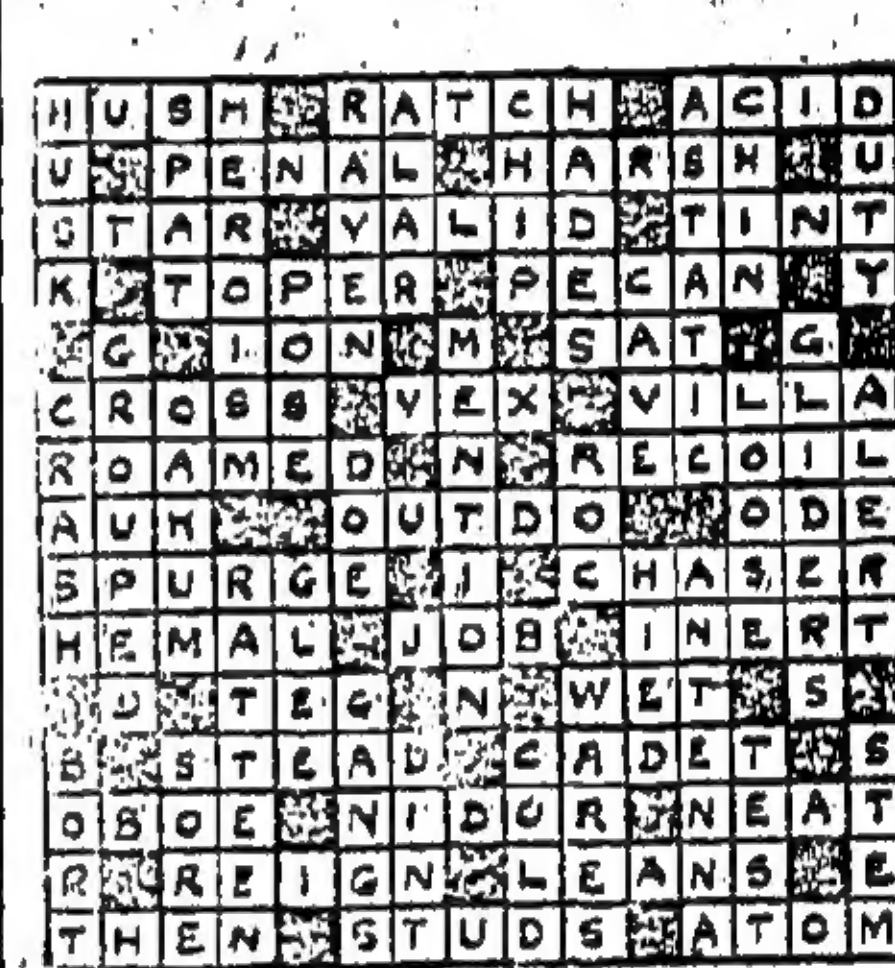


Across.

- 1 Aids.
- 7 Musical composer.
- 12 Peculiar skill.
- 13 Fruit of West African tree.
- 14 Springing.
- 15 Naval soldiers.
- 17 In the manner of a tilter.
- 18 Anger.
- 20 Strength.
- 21 Raising of taxes.
- 22 Wind.
- 24 Offspring.
- 25 Security.
- 27 Encircle.
- 29 Large flat block of sandstone.
- 31 Deep long cut.
- 32 Small tumour in the eyelid.
- 33 Kept secret.
- 36 Whirled.
- 39 Brought.
- 42 Beard.
- 45 Regal.
- 46 Moderately cold.
- 48 Hautboys.
- 50 Join with stitches.
- 51 Causeless fright.
- 52 Head coverings.
- 53 Not fertile.
- 54 Inhabitant of Denmark.
- 55 Solitary.
- 56 Complices.
- 57 Bandages.

Down.

- 2 Grandeur.
- 3 Pertaining to the saliva.
- 4 In an icy manner.
- 5 Let it stand.
- 6 Invective poem.
- 7 An instant.
- 8 Obtain by labour.
- 9 Regions of the clouds.
- 10 Animals allied to hedgehogs.
- 11 Baffled.



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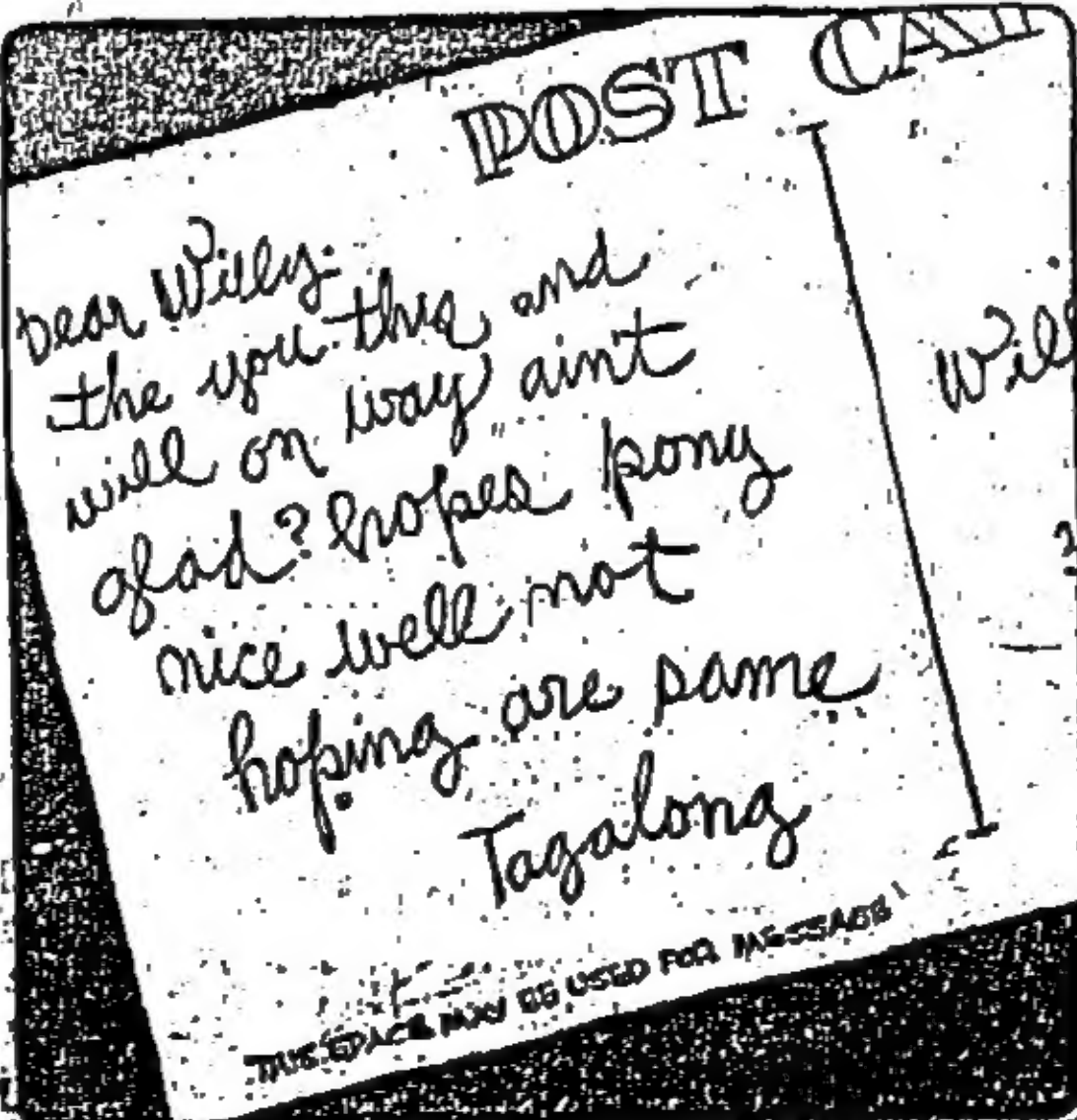
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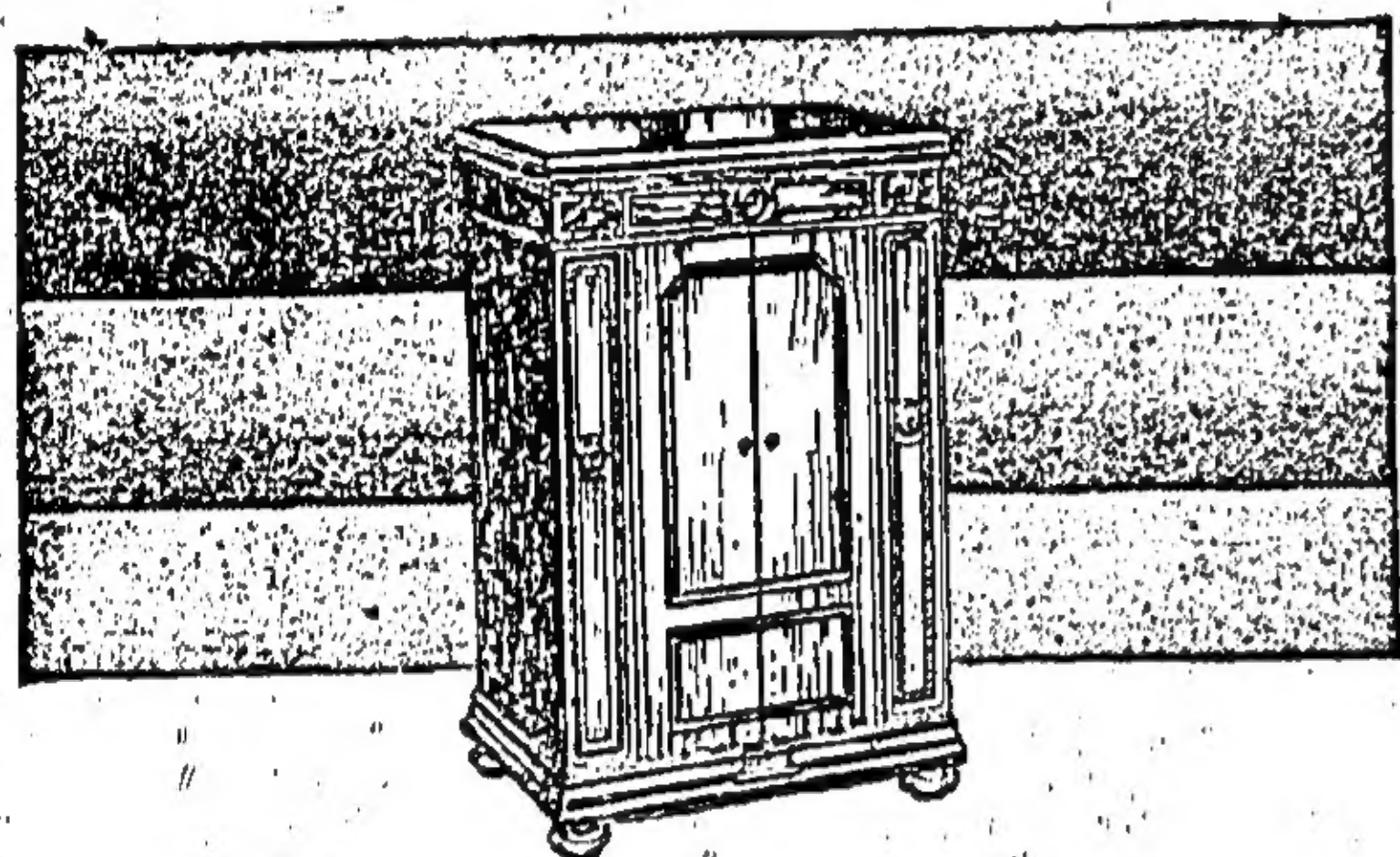
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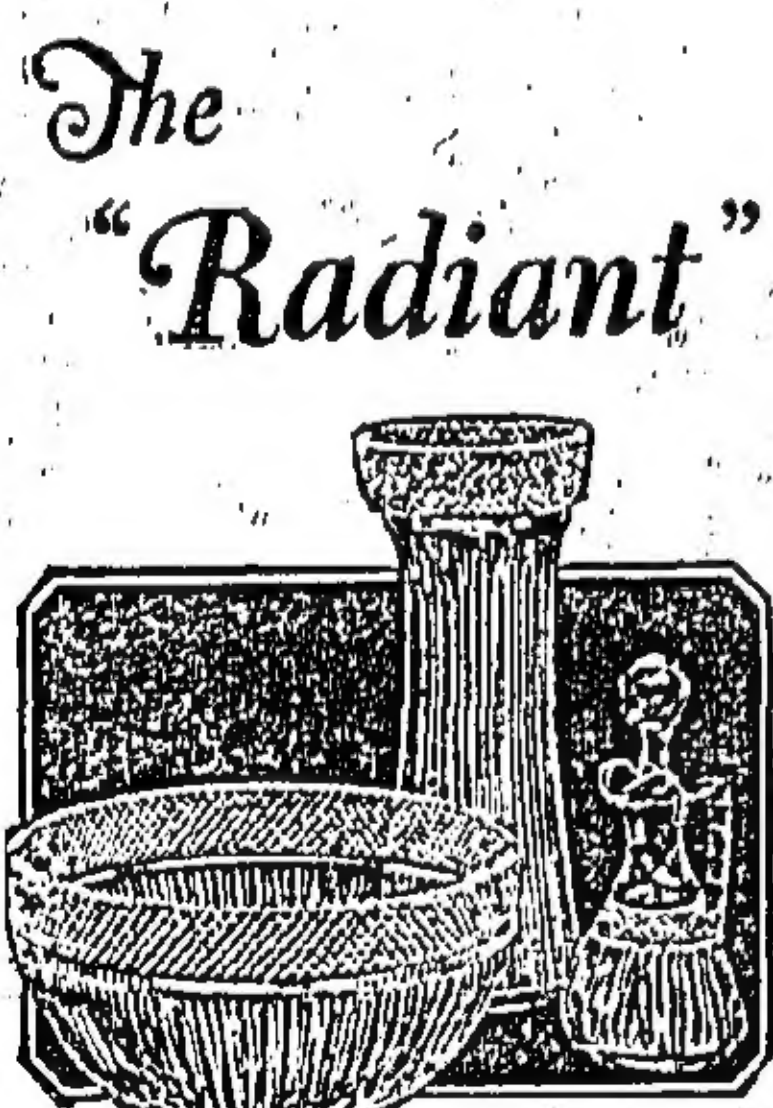


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needs of the Colony, filtered water is used for far too many purposes. The flushing of lavatories and the washing down of river boat decks, to any nothing of street watering, are cases in point. And in this connexion it ought to be possible to utilise sea-water for at least some of these purposes.

All these points, however, only touch upon the fringe of the problem. As we have before remarked, the great necessity is the securing of additional sources of supply for the island. Various schemes are under consideration with this end in view, and we understand that the whole problem is likely to be referred to a Commission of Enquiry shortly. The need, however, is urgent, and we hope that that point will be kept well to the fore by the authorities. The time for discussion has long since gone. What is wanted is early action. All other considerations being equal, we trust that this aspect of the matter will be given priority of importance when it comes to choosing between the various schemes which are likely to be brought forward.

America's Huge Naval Increases.

We think Mr. Curtis Wilbur could have advanced far more convincing arguments in setting forth the reasons why the Senate Navy Committee should support the United States' \$725,000,000 naval construction programme, than are disclosed in the statement issued by the Navy Department yesterday. We are now told that a naval display is a commercial asset in addition to its essential consideration as a measure of national defence; in other words, that showing the "Stars and Stripes" on 71 new naval vessels will favourably influence the prospects of American merchants seeking trade expansion. There is a subtle change of tone in this. Mr. Wilbur is now more deeply concerned with justifying this enormous burden on the Exchequer to those outside America's Big Navy Group—men who desire to see the United States supreme over any other Power in any ocean—than in emphasising to the rest of the world that the programme is in no way competitive, is essential to America's interests, and cannot possibly usher in a new naval race. We suspect that the equanimity with which the proposals have been received in British parliamentary circles, and the total absence of more vigorous press criticism than mere expression of disappointment at America's apparent desertion of leadership of the peace and disarmament movement, more than accounts for this. Great Britain has been charged with proving intractable at Geneva; "President Coolidge's annoyance when the Conference broke down is unquestioned, resulting in this firm intention to build up to the limits of the Washington Conference, no note having been taken apparently of Britain's recent decision to build only one cruiser instead of three. The feeling outside the United States is that America is at perfect liberty to build as she pleases. It will hurt no one and may satisfy national pride. There is, however, a clause in the Bill which declares that "in the event of an International Conference... the President is hereby empowered to suspend in whole or in part any construction authorised by this Act" and since it is variously felt that the American programme will be used as a lever when disarmament is next discussed, this may be accepted as a most important reservation. Of this we may be certain, Great Britain will watch the situation with little more than interest. As Mr. Baldwin said only a few days ago, there has been nothing in the course pursued by the British Government since the war which could lead people to think that when there is anything practical to be done Great Britain will not be in the van of progress. And vaingloriousness scarcely comes under the heading of the practical or of progress.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 12.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.97
Amsterdam	12.00%
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.55%
Helsingfors	193%
Lisbon	2.13/32
Bucharest	47.33/32
Buenos Aires	2/7
Yokohama	1/11.3/32
New York	48.25/32
Geneva	25.80
Milan	92.15
Stockholm	18.12
Oso	18.39
Prague	104%
Madrid	23.91
Rio	367%
Athens	5.29/32
Bombay	1/6.1/10
Hongkong	2/0%
Silver (spot)	20%
Silver (forward)	20%

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

A COMPARATIVELY SMALL BODY OF OFFICIALS, COHERENT, HAVING COMMON INTERESTS, AND ACTING UNDER CENTRAL AUTHORITY, HAS AN IMMENSE ADVANTAGE OVER AN INCOHERENT PUBLIC.—Herbert Spencer.

Yesterday's health return shows one Chinese case of typhoid and one Indian occurrence of puerperal fever.

From Messrs. Lazarus and Co., the well-known opticians, we have received a handy pocket ticket-holder.

The Empress of Canada, which left Yokohama yesterday at 6 p.m., is due here on Thursday next at 11 a.m.

Among the passengers arriving this morning by the s.s. Kitano Maru from Shanghai were Mr. R. R. Roxburgh and Mr. H. Glover.

The s.s. King Yuan, of the China Navigation Company, was undocked from Takoo this morning after refit and overhaul, and will sail for Bangkok via Swatow on Sunday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Thomas Wilfred Doyle, bank official, of Shamen, and Miss Alys Hart Brennan, school teacher, of Repulse Bay.

The s.s. Taiposok, arriving this morning from Fort Bayard, brought in 12 members of the crew of the s.s. Yan On, recently stranded in the vicinity of that port.

Within the last two nights more than 1,000 pieces of cotton clothing have been distributed by the Tung Wah Hospital among the Chinese coolies who sleep under the verandahs along Queen's and Des Voeux Roads, says the vernacular press.

The Chinese arrested in connexion with the robbery committed at the residence of Mr. M. A. Grant of No. 13 and 14, Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, on Christmas Eve, was yesterday sent to take his trial at the Criminal Sessions.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Nellor, Pres. Monroe, Hosang, Deli Maru, Seistan, Tijmanook, Victorious, Kawachi Maru, Malaya, Splice, Haiyang, Hanoi, Hupeh, City of Calcutta, and Dorsetshire.

Vessels arriving from the south report heavy weather, with monsoon conditions prevailing. The s.s. Fah Tai had bad weather in the Hainan Straits, while the s.s. Kueichow, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, encountered snowstorms off the Shanghai Promontory and monsoon conditions in the Formosa Channel.

The attention of theatre-goers is drawn to a change in the "Globe Trotters" season at the Star Theatre. The revue "Scenes and Serenades," which is to be given this evening, will be repeated to-morrow night, and an entirely new revue, "Pleasureland," will be presented on Sunday and Monday. Booking is at Moutrie's at the popular admission prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 16 arrivals and 13 departures, of which five of each were British, leaving 71 vessels in harbour, British 22. Freights were generally low, with British registering a fair proportion, and the second best return under both inward and through. Through freights were better than for the past few days, a high figure being reached in the total.

To-morrow's page of local pictures which will appear in the Telegraph will include snapshots of the children's sports held at the K.C.C. group photographs taken at the weddings of Mr. F. H. Pentecost and Miss Una Gubbins; Mr. W. K. Way and Miss Lena P. McKenzie; and Mr. Joseph Mason and Miss Cecilia Richards; and Mr. and Mrs. Kai Ma with their three-months' old baby, which was the first Chinese baby ever to be christened in St. Paul's Cathedral.

WAGLAN FOG SIGNAL.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The following notice to mariners, No. 5 of January 12, has been issued by the local authorities:

After July 1, the explosive fog signal at Waglan Lighthouse will be discontinued and will only be used as an alternative in the event of the diaphone breaking down.

FUKUJU MARU.

SUCCESSFULLY REFLOATED.

The Fukuju Maru, beached at Shamshulpo as a result of being holed by a steam launch, has now been refloated by the staff of Takoo Dock. She was patched and berthed at a harbour buoy this morning, and will probably sail this evening or to-morrow morning for the north.

NEW BRITISH BUSES FOR KOWLOON.

TESTS CARRIED OUT YESTERDAY.

The first Vulcan motor bus to be used on the Kowloon services, which was ordered by the China Motor Bus Company, was tested along the new route, Canton Road and Shanghai Street, last evening by Sub-Inspector A. H. Mason. Others present at the test were the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander, Mr. T. R. Parsons (Hongkong Hotel Garage), the Manager of the China Bus Company and the Secretary of the Kowloon Bus Company.

The bus was tested for speed, power, brakes, ease of handling, vibration, swinging and comfort, all of which tests it passed satisfactorily. One of the tests was the climbing of Observatory Hill, which has a gradient of one in five, with a full complement of passengers. A halt was called on the steepest part and the vehicle was restarted on the hill. This test gave the greatest satisfaction.

The buses of British make at present on service in Kowloon are Leyland, Dennis and Thornycroft, all of which have proved entirely satisfactory and have been appreciated by the passengers. The Vulcan is the latest entry into local bus transportation and, as stated, made a favourable impression. A similar bus is in course of shipment to Hongkong to the order of the Kowloon Bus Company. This type has an engine of 18 H.P. with eight first-class upholstered seats and 12 second-class "garden" seats.

The opportunity was also taken of trying out a Morris engine and chassis with a locally-built body, which is also to be used by the China Bus Company, and this vehicle also passed its tests with ease.

SEVERAL OPIUM CASES.

A FINE OF \$3,000 IMPOSED.

Fines ranging from \$200 to \$3,000 were this morning inflicted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell in a number of opium cases resulting from arrests made yesterday at the river steamer wharves.

In one case, Mr. M. K. Lo appeared to represent a Chinese charged with possessing 18 taels of Wuchow opium. It was explained, that when the bedding belonging to the defendant was undone, it was found to contain a bundle. This bundle was undone, and in turn was found to contain a handkerchief, and in this was discovered the subject matter of the charge.

The case for the prosecution was that the bedding belonged to the defendant, and, by the same process of reasoning, the bundle, the handkerchief, and the opium also belonged to him.

Mr. Lo was granted a remand and bail for his client to the extent of \$1,500.

Not Interested.

Because of the attitude of complete detachment which another defendant manifested, his Worship thought it in the interests of justice to request, through the Interpreter, that defendant should pay close attention or to take more interest in the proceedings which involved his liberty. All of this was of no avail. When a fine of \$3,000 was inflicted (in default eight months' hard labour), defendant seemed not to have heard the decision. Contemplating, in a reflecting way, his overcoat, he was then led away.

NICARAGUAN "REBELS" KILLED.

U.S. MARINES IN ACTION.

Managua, Jan. 12. Five "rebels" were killed in an engagement near Cuje between the forces of General Sandino and a joint patrol of United States Marines and Nicaraguan National Guardsmen.—Reuter.

Aeroplane in Action.

Washington, Jan. 12. Nine other "rebels" are reported to have been killed by machine gun fire from an American aeroplane at Sandino's headquarters at Quilale.—Reuter's American Service.

FAIR WEATHER.

THIS MORNING'S WEATHER REPORTS.

The anticyclone has weakened slightly and spread eastward, while the monsoon will moderate along the southeast coast of China and over the North China Sea, says this morning's weather report of the Royal Observatory. The forecast up till noon to-morrow is:—Northeast winds, moderate fair.

"GLOBE TROTTERS" BIG SUCCESS.

EXCELLENT SHOW AT THE STAR THEATRE.

With the return of Dick Norton with his new company of talented artists, who opened a short Hongkong season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on Tuesday, a really first-class entertainment is being offered that deserves far better support than was evidenced by the rather small house at last night's performance. New talent has been introduced into the company, which has returned to the Colony with probably the brightest repertoire that the popular promoter has ever offered.

Singing and dancing of a high order by artists of no mean ability, who are newcomers to the East have added what was lacking before, and these, together with several of the familiar faces, combine to make a show that will appeal to widely different tastes. Whether the playgoer has a fancy for the ridiculous, laughter, dancing, singing, comic and otherwise, humorous scenes and other numbers, they will find that the new "Globe Trotters" cater for their every taste.

The laughter and whole-hearted applause which was greatly in evidence last night when "Scenes and Serenades" was presented amply confirm the fact that the "Globe Trotters" excelled themselves. The programme offered was of a pleasingly varied nature, vocal efforts being excellently sung and dancing skilfully and gracefully performed. Miss Betty Norton was also in evidence and, by special request, sang the song with which she is locally associated, "Follow the Swallow Back Home."

Dick Norton himself was at his best, as also was Mr. Leo Brooker. A notable addition to the company is Mr. Terence Hall, who sang with great effect and was enthusiastically encored.

It was announced that there will be a complete change of programme on Sunday.

PRESIDENT POLK FIRE.

DAMAGE CONFIRMED TO CARGO HOLDS.

Cable advices received by the local agents of the Dollar Line are to the effect that damage to the President Polk, in the fire at New Jersey, was confined to cargo holds.

The outbreak by the Chinese has been greatly exaggerated, the Company says, there being no serious results.

The President Polk will sail on schedule on her next round-the-world trip.

WRECKED STEAMER.

"HAIHONG" PICKS UP SURVIVORS.

The Harbour Office report by the s.s. Haihong, arriving this morning from Foochow and Swatow, records that the wreck of s.s. Fook Lee is submerged on a cable S.W. of Tessara Island. The s.s. Haihong picked up 25 survivors of the wrecked vessel, in Latitude 25.46 North, Longitude 119.39 East. These were landed at Foochow.

MARINES RETURN TO ENGLAND.

CORDIALLY GREETED AT PLYMOUTH.

London, Jan. 12. A large contingent of Royal Marines arrived at Plymouth from China to-day on board the s.s. Manfu, and they were accorded a hearty welcome from a large crowd. The men were addressed by Vice-Admiral Sir Rudolf Buntinck, who declared that their presence in the Far East and their efficiency had undoubtedly prevented a great massacre of Europeans.—Reuter.

NEW GREEK LOAN.

TO BE FLOATED IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 12. It is officially announced that the Greek Finance Minister has concluded his negotiation in London with an international financial syndicate headed by Hambros Bank relative to the flotation of a Greek loan, and that an issue will be made in the near future.

The loan will bear interest at six per cent. the total to be offered for subscription being £7,500,000. The proceeds will be utilised mainly for currency stabilisation purposes. A portion of the loan will also be employed for refugee purposes.—British Wireless.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE CONTINUED.**MEDICAL EVIDENCE THIS MORNING.****"A FORCEFUL BLOW."**

At the Central Magistracy this morning, medical evidence was given by Dr. A. Cannon in the case in which Lo Chi-hing, a student, is charged with the manslaughter of another student, of St. Paul's College, named Ho Kwong-hoi, on the night of December 25th. It is alleged by the prosecution that, following a scuffle at the South China Athletic Club, the defendant struck the deceased a blow which subsequently caused his death.

Dr. Cannon said that at 9.30 a.m. on December 26th, he conducted a post mortem examination on the body of a young Chinese male who was identified as Ho Kwong-hoi by two relatives, who were present. As a result of his examination, the doctor found that the primary cause of death was due to the rupture of the left meningeal artery to the brain, the secondary cause being inter-cranial hemorrhage of a slow nature, and subsequent shock.

"Speaking of the general physical condition of the body, witness said it was very good and that there were no signs of disease whatever. The muscles were well developed for a Chinese."

Head Injuries.

Continuing his evidence, Dr. Cannon said there were no external signs of injuries to any part of the skin or the skull. There was a very slight swelling in the region of the left temple which commenced at the level of the eye and the ear and extended four inches upwards and five inches horizontally. Witness, on making an incision over the swelling, found that there was an extravasation of blood in the left temple muscle. He removed the vault of the skull and found a large blood clot three inches in width pressing on to the brain on the left side. The size was approximately the same as the swelling outside. On removing this clot, witness found that the left middle meningeal artery was ruptured at a point corresponding to a lower point of the outer swelling. Witness added that the rupture to the artery had nothing to do with the external swelling, but that both the swelling and the rupture were due to the same cause—a blow of some kind. The brain had no actual injury beyond a slight compression by the blood clot.

In answer to his Worship, Dr. Cannon said he could not say definitely how long it must have taken such a blood clot to form, as the time varies in different cases. It had been known to take over twenty-four hours to form. Witness stated that the hemorrhage in such a case would be intermittent. For reasons of the data provided by the post mortem examination, witness said the nature of the blow must have been other than one due to a fall.

Mr. Lindsell:—In your opinion, this injury could not have been caused by a fall?

Dr. Cannon:—I don't see how anybody could bring such impact with other than a closed fist or something like that. The injury could not have been caused by a slap with the open hand, however forceful.

Continuing, Dr. Cannon said he had previously seen four other cases like the deceased's injuries, and added that it was a common thing and very likely to happen. He remembered as a child being told not to strike anybody on the temple, which showed that it is generally known that such a blow was dangerous.

The doctor, in answer to a question put by the police, said it was improbable that the blow which caused the injury was made with a half-closed fist.

Mr. Turner:—Would you say the blow must have been violent one?—I would say it was forceful, but not necessarily violent.

Do you think a person receiving such a blow is likely to have staggered, or to have been knocked off his feet?—I would say it is possible, but not probable.

In answer to the Magistrate, Dr. Cannon said a person receiving such a blow would not be knocked out at once. All that would happen would be that the person would "see stars," but would be quite able to move about.

GALLANT RUSSIAN.**EXCITING SHANGHAI CHASE.****FORMER OFFICER KILLED.**

As reported in a cable from our Shanghai correspondent at the time, Mr. Michael Nikoloff, veteran of three Russian wars, and attached to the Royal Army Service Corps, died in Shanghai on Monday after being shot by an armed robber, whom he tackled singlehanded and unarmed at the corner of Seward Road and Nan-zing Road at 2.10 p.m. The robber shot him in the stomach. He was removed to the General Hospital, where he died within an hour. Police officers, who had been chasing the robbers, despatched the latter at once.

The chase began about noon at the north end of the Garden Bridge, where a Chinese constable, advance post for the Russian Volunteer searching parties, hailed a suspicious looking Chinese. The man refused to permit the officer to search him, and, after a short struggle, broke from the C.P.C., running down Whangpoo Road, before the Russian sentries on duty on the middle of the bridge could reach them.

Running Battle.

As the officer blew his whistle, several Japanese police and a Russian constable on duty in the vicinity of the former Soviet Consulate, joined in the chase. The robber opened fire on them, and they, firing as they ran after him, drove him to the intersection of Whangpoo Road with Nan-zing Road.

A running battle between the lone gunman and the police followed through the narrow road, to the Savoy Hotel. At this point a large number of pedestrians and persons returning home for lunch were stopped by the pistol fire. A Sikh policeman, in order to avoid being shot by the officers in chase, stepped into a doorway until the hunted man had passed. He too then joined the posse.

Between Broadway and Seward Road is a short distance on Nan-zing Road. Nikoloff, who was in the vicinity, saw the Chinese approaching, pistol in hand. Gallantly he stepped forward and, grappling with the robber, held him. The latter resisted, in the ensuing tussle, both men fell to the ground.

Grim Struggle.

The deceased Russian tried to obtain possession of his adversary's pistol. In the meantime, his pursuers were fast approaching, but, before they could get to the struggling men, the Chinese managed to point his pistol at the heroic Russian's stomach and pull the trigger. Before he could fire again—the former soldier had not relaxed his grasp—P.C. Polanin and a Sikh opened fire. The Chinese died immediately.

The fatally wounded Russian was hurried to the General Hospital, and he died within an hour. His body was removed to the Public Mortuary.

Michael Nikoloff, aged 47 years, served with distinction as a youth in the Russian Army during the Russo-Japanese War, and later in the war against Germany and in the subsequent civil wars in Russia. He joined the Royal Army Service Corps, shortly after the Defence Force arrived in Shanghai, and was employed as a baker in the British Army Bakery on Broadway. He is survived by an uncle, resident in Shanghai.

POLICE AWAIT FRENCH DEPUTIES.**ARRESTS OUTSIDE CHAMBER AFTER DEBATE.**

Paris, Jan. 12. A crowded Chamber, the motion being hotly debated, by 310 votes to 227 rejected the Socialist motion opposing the Government intention of arresting, without seeking the consent of the Chamber, the five Communist deputies, Cachin, Vaillant Couturier, Doriot, Marty and Duclos, who have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment in their absence, for sedition.

The Socialist motion demanded that the Government should formally apply to the Chamber to raise parliamentary immunity of deputies before proceeding to take any steps. Cachin and Vaillant Couturier, who were present during the debate, were arrested outside the building after the sitting.—*Reuter.*

The injuries to the deceased would cause him a certain amount of vomiting, due to cerebral compression. The case is continuing.

DISPUTE OVER "WARS OF AGGRESSION."**FRANCE AND U.S.A. ASKING THE MEANING.****INTEREST OF OTHER POWERS**

Paris, Jan. 12. According to the Quai d'Orsay, Mr. Kellogg's reply to M. Briand's observations on the United States Arbitration Treaty proposals is conciliatory, and negotiations will continue at present.

There is still a divergence of opinion in the view of the two Governments, particularly in regard to the meaning of the term "war of aggression."—*Reuter.*

Mr. Kellogg's Reply.

Washington, later. It is now revealed that Mr. Kellogg's reply to M. Briand's Note follows the lines indicated recently. It states that the limitation of the Treaty to "wars of aggression" conflicts with the original formula submitted by M. Briand.

Mr. Kellogg also objects to M. Briand's suggestion that a multilateral treaty be signed first by France and America and then submitted to other Powers for endorsement. On the contrary, Mr. Kellogg proposes that the Franco-American Governments, jointly communicate all correspondence between them to the British, German, Italian and Japanese Governments for their consideration and comment.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Washington, Jan. 12.

It is believed that Mr. Kellogg's reply to M. Briand's latest note in regard to anti-war proposals turns down the French proposal restricting the agreement to wars of aggression, and insists on the participation of other World Powers with France and America.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THAMES FLOODS.**MINISTRY OF HEALTH CALLS CONFERENCE.**

London, Jan. 12. It is officially announced that the Prime Minister has summoned a conference of Government Departments and local and other authorities concerned to meet the Ministry of Health on January 16th for the purpose of reviewing the situation arising from the Thames flood disaster.

The Conference will be asked to decide what action will be necessary to obviate the possibilities of a recurrence of the disaster.—*Reuter.*

London, Jan. 12. It is officially stated that on his return to London from the country, the Premier took into personal consideration the situation arising out of the recent flooding of the Thames in consultation with Sir Kingsley Wood, who is in charge of the Ministry of Health in the absence abroad of Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

The various measures taken for the relief of distress were reviewed, and the Premier decided that the next step must be to summon as quickly as possible a conference of the various Government Departments and local and other authorities concerned in the matter to review the situation and settle what action can and should be taken to obviate a recurrence of such loss of life and widespread damage as resulted from the recent disaster.

A Conference has been summoned, accordingly, to meet at the Ministry of Health on January 16th.—*British Wireless.*

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.**PRIZE OF \$25 WON.**

This week's football competition prize of \$25 goes to

C. A. Goldenberg, China Sugar Refinery,

who sent in a coupon containing ten correct forecasts out of the twelve matches given. No other competitor succeeded in getting so high a number, though there were many claimants in respect of nine and eight correct forecasts.

If the successful competitor will kindly call at this office we shall be pleased to hand him the prize money.

In the previous week's competition, Private R. Inglis failed to collect his share of the prize. If he will either call or send to this office, we shall be glad to make payment.

Forthcoming weddings announced are those of Aleksei Alekseevich Trambitsky, a merchant, of 556 Nathan Road, and Valentina Petrovna Granberg, of the same address, and James Cargill, acting Sub-Inspector, Hongkong Police Force, to Isobel Keith Wallace, of 7 Albion Terrace, Kowloon.

SHANGHAI BLAZE.**BRIGADE RESCUES EUROPEANS.****SCENES OF EXCITEMENT.**

A fire which threatened to envelop a whole block occurred last night at the building situated at the corner of Hongkong Road and Szechuen Road, says the Shanghai N. C. Daily News. The outbreak occurred on the second floor and the Central Brigade were quickly on the scene. The fire rapidly spread and flames mounting many feet high were belching from the windows at the rear of the building. The staircase caught on fire.

Women and children were trapped on the top floors and it was only with greatest difficulty and as the result of extremely commendable work on the part of the Fire Brigade that they were extricated from a regular trap. The women came down the fire escapes placed against the building by the fire brigade and firemen, with children in their arms, negotiated the ladders which were fast becoming slippery on account of the water which was playing on the building and soaking all within easy reach of the building.

Newspaper Office Swamped.

The China Publishing Co., owners of the China Courier, have offices and works in the building and the machinery which is contained on the ground floor was swamped by water and consequently the company were unable to produce an issue next day. Mr. Sayer who has a flat on the third floor arrived at the scene about 11.30 p.m. and his first query was concerning his parrot which has been in his possession for many years. To mount the staircase was a great feat as water was pouring down in gallons, but with the help of firemen with lamps he reached his flat. Although the writer did not actually see Mr. Sayer emerge with the bird, it is understood that his feathered friend was found somewhat the worse for wear on account of the smoke and water but was not dead.

The top floor of the building was used as a residential flat by foreigners, including Mrs. H. Mosher, a British lady, and her 13-year old son Joseph, and Mr. S. A. Sayer. Mrs. Mosher and nine other foreigners were in the flat at the time.

With amazing suddenness they were confronted by huge flames and dense volumes of smoke, an alarm meanwhile having been given by a Chinese house-boy. The occupants, finding that their escape had been cut off, rushed to the windows and called for help.

Lady's Collapse.

A crowd soon gathered in the street and within two minutes the fire brigade was on the scene. Ladders were sent up but, owing to the live wires, they were unable to reach those trapped inside. However, the turntable escape ladder covered with rubber, managed to get up between the wires, the current of which by this time had been cut off. With considerable difficulty, Mrs. Mosher, her son and the others with the exception of two in another part of the building, were brought to the ground in Hongkong Road, Mrs. Mosher being on the verge of collapse when she reached the roadway.

The two other foreigners knotted bedsheets and blinds together and lowered themselves to the floor beneath. From here, they jumped into an improvised life net, which had been made of canvas and blankets by the firemen, sailors and U. S. Marines. Mrs. Mosher and her friends tried to escape by lowering themselves when the Brigade arrived.

Fortunately, there were no casualties. When the Brigade arrived, the flames had burnt a number of holes through the flooring. At first it was thought that it would be impossible to save the building, the smoke and flames being so terrific. On the ground floor were stored a large number of films which easily could have exploded and caused a most perilous situation.

The firemen managed to cover the linotype of the China Courier with sheets but they were unable to cover the large printing machine.

The fire originated apparently from a Chinese office on the second floor; the ground floor of which is used by the Venus Life Insurance Co. The cause is unknown. The building is owned, we understand, by the China Realty Co.

Considerable damage was caused by the fire and water but we learn that most of the offices were insured.

PRIZE DAY AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE.**H.E. THE GOVERNOR DISTRIBUTES AWARDS.****MOTTO FOR NEW YEAR.**

H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., distributed the prizes won last year by students attending Queen's College, at the annual prize distribution, which took place in the assembly hall this morning. His Excellency congratulated the masters and boys on the satisfactory report for last year and commended as their motto for the New Year the last record of those who watched Mallory and Irvine attempting to reach the summit of Mount Everest—"Going strong for the top!"

In addition to His Excellency, there were present the Headmaster (Mr. A. H. Crook), Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education; Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English schools; Capt. Foster, Mr. G. Grimble (President of the Q.C.O.B.A.), Mr. J. Anderson Sec. Q.C.O.B.A.), Dr. T. W. Pearce, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Pope, Professor R. K. M. Simpson, Father Flynn, (S.J.), Miss Skinner (Bellios School), Mr. Ho Kwong, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Kwok Shiu-lau, and Dr. S. C. Ho.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Headmaster, presenting the annual report, said—Your Excellency, Mr. Wood, Ladies and Gentlemen.—The number of pupils in attendance at the beginning of 1927 was 595 as against 537 in 1926. From the Government District Schools about 80 boys were admitted to various divisions of Class three; 88 new boys were admitted to Class 8. The other new boys admitted were chosen by examination out of a large number of applicants for vacancies in various classes. Nearly 500 had to be refused for various reasons.

Mr. Kay, the second Master, returning from home leave at the beginning of the year, Mr. Hung Chi-po and Mr. Yuen Kwok-huen, both graduates of the University, were appointed to the Staff after graduation. Mr. Lal Cheuk-lap was appointed as a Vernacular teacher. Early in the year Mr. Mycock went on leave.

Owing to the requirements of the military, King's College was taken over as a hospital and accordingly seven classes from it, comprising 192 scholars, were taken here, making a total of 787. Every available space was required to accommodate these classes, and as this hall had to be used for three of them, the conditions were naturally not ideal. But notwithstanding the difficulties of accommodation and the shortage of staff, the year's sojourn with us of these classes from King's College passed very peacefully and prosperously. They competed more or less successfully in our sports competitions and examinations. We welcomed this all the more because in these matters a little healthy rivalry is sometimes beneficial.

I have to thank not only the members of my own staff but also the Members of the King's College staff who came here for their loyal co-operation with me in the work of the School which, but for their help, might have been very vexatious owing to overcrowding, differences of textbooks, and other matters of organization.

Another small innovation which took place this year was the attendance of classes (Junior and Matriculation) for mathematical subjects of girls students from the Bellios Public School. This, too, was due to exigencies of staff distribution. The system came as near to co-education as these systems generally do, and seemed to work well. The girl students were such models of assiduity and application that teachers were naturally anything but averse to taking them.

The number of school days was 227, one more than the previous year, probably due to the misfortune of some Chinese festival or Saint's Day falling on a Sunday. The average daily attendance was 693 or 88%. The previous year the attendance was 84%, and both of these are improvements on the year before that. This in itself shows that the health of the school was pretty good. Of course there are always a certain number of petty ailments which seem to be closely associated with climatic conditions if not directly caused by them. But these were not serious.

I should like, however, here to urge on Chinese parents the importance of allowing their children in cases of dire necessity to submit to an anaesthetic or an operation. In certain cases, such as severe appendicitis, if this is not done, the only alternative appears to be death. The Chinese are too prone to let cases of this kind take their course.

The discipline and morale of the school have been good; and in this connexion I wish to thank the Prefects on whom so much depends and who performed their work so well.

Sport Activity.

As far as possible we distribute the sports over the various months of the year so that there may not be a surfeit of them all together. The volleyball and football are always keenly contested. When I state that in the football 28 teams and in the volleyball 27 teams competed for the inter class shields, you will see to what a large proportion of the school these games give healthy exercise.

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INTERPORT TEAM'S LAST DISPLAY.

REST STRONGLY REPRESENTED

[By "Wanderer"]

Hongkong's Interport Eleven will leave for Shanghai early next week, and therefore to-morrow's match, their last appearance in Hongkong, and, incidentally, the first in which the whole side has been on the field as an eleven, should prove extremely interesting.

A team selected from the Rest will provide the opposition, and as the opinion is generally held that the transference of three players, or four at the outside, would convert the Rest into an equally capable Interport XI, it may be accepted that the Interporters will not get matters all their own way.

The teams will line up as follows:
Interport XI:—Clark; Ng Kam-chuen and Lai Yuk-tat; Remedios, Sims, and Lam Yuk-ying; Tso Kwai-sing, McNiven, Gosano, Suen Kam-shun and the Rev. Alexander. The Rest:—Hodger; A. N. Othier and Hooper; Everest, Stewart and Watson; Larkin, Silva, Pulford, McGhinney and Chan Kwong-ai.

Mr. R. P. Hyson will have charge of the game, while Messrs. Presley and Cowan will be on the line. No announcement has been made concerning the player to fill Ng Kam-chuen's position at right back for The Rest. Wynne, unfortunately unable to make the Shanghai trip, or Frank Wheeler, the Kowloon captain, are the two most obvious choices. Either will prove a very capable partner to Hooper.

Both teams will have a very keen incentive to win and the game should undoubtedly prove a thrilling struggle. Since the Interport XI is regarded as the best the Colony can produce they should win, but The Rest are strongly represented and the Interporters can leave nothing to chance.

League Fixtures.

Apart from the Interport game, the only soccer fixtures for to-morrow are the Junior Division "A" matches, all Senior games having been postponed. The fixtures together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, are as follows:
K.O.S.B. v. S. China "B".—S. China, 2.30.—Mr. Lonsdale.
Kowloon v. St. Joseph's.—Kowloon, 2.30.—Mr. Phillips.
R.A. Res. v. Club Res.—Sookunpo, 2.30.—Mr. Smith.
University v. Recreio.—St. Joseph's, 2.30.—Mr. Gilmour.
Chinese Ath. v. S. China "A".—Club, 2.30.—Mr. Baldwin.
The most interesting match on the card is that between St. Joseph's and Kowloon. The previous encounter, which has to be replayed because the referee refused to allow Kowloon to bring on another player after completing the first half with only ten men, resulted in a win for St. Joseph's by 1-0.

Kowloon Reserves have shown much improvement of late, winning three matches successively. They should succeed against St. Joseph's to-morrow. The K.O.S.B. and Chinese Athletic should secure easy wins, the R.A. Reserves should defeat the Club Reserves, while a close game will result between the Recreio and University.

Kowloon Games.

The following will represent the Kowloon 1st XI in a friendly game with H. M. S. Argus on Saturday, on Kowloon ground, kick-off at 4 p.m.:—Angus; Wheeler, Dodshon; Hedley, McKelvie, Miles; Pile, May, Northey, Tierman, Coates. Reserves:—Slipper and Vickers.

The following will represent the Kowloon 2nd XI in a League game with St. Joseph's on Saturday, on Kowloon ground, kick-off at 2.30 p.m.:—Wood; Bliss, Pasco; Guest, Peart, Blacklock; Reed, Clark, Spary, Muir, Eastman. Reserves:—Hast, Nicholls and Roberts.

WARATAHS DEFEATED.

AUSTRALIANS NOW TOURING FRANCE.

Bordeaux, Jan. 12.
The Waratahs now touring France in winding up their rugby

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 14th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on January 14th:—

F.A. CUP.	
THIRD ROUND.	
Hull City	Leicester.
Blackpool	Oldham.
Arsenal	West Brom.
Charlton	Bury.
Bristol C.	Tottenham.
Millwall	Derby C.
Blackburn	Newcastle.
Swindon	Clapton O.
Burnley	Aston Villa.
Wolves	Chelsea.
Manch. City	Leeds U.
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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

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Blackpool	v. Oldham.
Arsenal	v. West Brom.
Charlton	v. Bury.
Bristol C.	v. Tottenham.
Millwall	v. Derby C.
Blackburn	v. Newcastle.
Swindon	v. Clapton O.
Burnley	v. Aston Villa.
Wolves	v. Chelsea.
Manch. City	v. Leeds U.
Cardiff	v. Southampton.

FRIENDLY FOOTBALL.

P.W.D. BEAT SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Playing on the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday the Public Works Department beat the Sanitary Department by four goals to one.

The winners were leading by one goal to nil at the interval but in the second half they increased their lead, scoring three further goals against the Sanitary Department's one.

For the P.W.D., Bishop netted on three occasions, while the fourth goal was scored by McBride. Seddon was the scorer for the Sanitary Department.

tour were defeated by South-west France to-day, the final scores being: South West France 19 pts.; New South Wales, 10 pts.—*Reuter.*

OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE MOATED GRANGE.

By KATHARINE TYNAN.

Author of "A Mad Marriage," "The House of Doom," "Daisy the Dreamer."

CHAPTER XV.

"Her Ladyship had some beautiful gowns," said Mrs. Cronech. "This was her lock-up place. Now, my dearie, as we've the house to ourselves, you might be bringing your mamma's jewels and let us put 'em away where they won't tempt any poor soul who's got an eye for the like."

As she said it, for the second time, her own eyes blinked alarmingly.

"You'll maybe run an' fetch the jewels," she said. "And your mamma, too. She might like to come. She'd better make sure as all is there she expected, but don't ask me to look."

Mrs. de Burgh came back to the house, pulling off her gardening gloves as she came. She was as interested as Beata, or more so, in the safe in the wall and the hitherto unexplored part of the house.

"There is really no reason," she said, "why any part of the house should be closed to us. I'm afraid Cronech is not very truthful, for he said all that part of the house was locked, that he had mislaid the key. Yet I've seen the windows open sometimes to air the rooms."

She was saying it as they entered the house and closed the door behind them.

"I confess I do not like Cronech," she went on. "He is sinister, but I have come to be quite fond of poor Mrs. Cronech. I thought her so plain at first, but I have quite got over that."

The colour had come back to Mrs. de Burgh's face and her eyes were bright. Beata thought with satisfaction that her mother's prescription for herself was working excellently.

"I shall be glad of a secure place for these things," she said, as she fetched her jewel-case, an old-fashioned red leather case, gilt and toolled, with a monogram under the sunk handle. "I didn't much like having them in my room at night. The jewels are very valuable."

"You should not say such things out loud," said Beata, with sudden caution, and then laughed at herself.

"As though you had not a big beautiful dog and a big ugly daughter to protect you," she said. "Let alone that there's no one to hear us." She kissed the back of her mother's neck before going on.

"Don't you think it an immense comfort to have a dog, mum? You can never be taken unawares by anyone in hiding. A dog always knows if anyone is about."

Mrs. Cronech was awaiting them patiently in her Ladyship's bedroom. When they came in with the jewel-case she went a little way off, saying in the lifeless voice which she sometimes assumed:

"You'll be good enough to see that everything is right before you puts 'em away, madam."

"All right," said Mrs. de Burgh, and snapped to the spring lock of the jewel-case.

"If you or the young lady would put 'em in the safe now and take the key we could be goin'," Mrs. Cronech suggested, without looking round.

The jewel-case was safely deposited in its hiding place, and Beata, who had climbed upon the bed to reach the safe, had clambered back again, the key in her hand, when Mrs. Cronech suddenly drew back from the window with a low cry.

"I saw someone pass by," she said. "It wouldn't be Cronech; surely it wouldn't be Cronech!"

Beata came up and looked. "There is no one, Mrs. Cronech," she said, "your eyes have deceived you."

"I thought I saw him there, by the corner of the house," said Mrs. Cronech, eagerly. "I'm a poor bundle of nerves, so I am. I've had enough to make me so since Nellie died. Come quick now! I don't think he'd guess we was here if he was to look about for us. Maybe 'tweren't him at all."

They got back to their own quarters safely. Cronech brought in the afternoon tea. So he had returned. A rather unpleasant smell came in with him. Beata and her mother had noticed that smell lately

when Cronech had returned after an absence. He was usually a little more talkative on these occasions than was habitual with him. "I hope you won't object, madam," he said, addressing Mrs. de Burgh. He was leaning forward, his hands on the edge of the table, very unlike the trained servant he was ordinarily. "I hope you won't object, but I've brought home a cat. He followed me. There's a deal of rats about this winter, and we need a cat."

"The cat won't go for Dash?" Mrs. de Burgh asked, looking over her shoulder from where she sat rocking herself to and fro in a rocking-chair by the fire. She was looking irresistibly charming and young in a tea-frock of petunpink which Beata had insisted on her buying in London. Beata was so perfectly certain that papa would abhor mourning.

"No'm," Cronech replied. "Dash he don't favour us with his company in the kitchen. He's an upstairs dog. The cat ain't no beauty, but he'll be a ratter by his whiskers."

He looked absurd as he said it. He had a rumpled air in which even his side-whiskers shared, and, like the cat, he was no beauty. As he retired stealthily from the room, Mrs. de Burgh, with a girlish giggle, remarked that Cronech and his cat must be well-matched.

"But the cat will be useful," said Beata. "I do hate to hear the rats plunging into the moat at night swimming about in the water. I am always terrified lest they may climb up the ivy to the windows and clamber in. Sometimes when I look at the window I fancy for a moment that I may see a rat coming over."

At that moment the hall-door bell rang. Beata, who had just been about to pour out tea, paused, and listened, the teapot in her hand.

They heard Cronech go by to the hall-door—then a sound of voices, and Dash barked.

Beata jumped up from her seat at the tea-table and went to the door, which she opened, and her voice came back to her.

"How do you do, Mr. Napier?" she said. "You are just in time for tea. Please bring two more cups, Cronech."

There was the sound of someone being introduced, and Beata came back with Anthony Napier, followed by Derek Jekyll, looking excessively shy as he came in in his friend's wake, blushing all over and up to his fair thatch of hair, quite unlike the boy who had so enjoyed his easy flirtation with his pretty mother.

"I found that this plutocrat had got hold of a two-seater," said Anthony Napier, introducing him, "so I got him to run me over. It isn't too soon again, Mrs. de Burgh? Is it now?"

The words and the way they were said were irresistible.

"I thought I heard a car, but it seemed too unlikely," said Beata. The high colour was in her cheeks. There were moments when she was just pretty, moments when she was almost plain; this was her moment for positive beauty.

"You don't mind Tony's having brought me?" said the boy, beamingly to Beata. "I should have slain him if he hadn't."

"Oh, that would have been a pity," said Beata, demurely.

Anthony Napier got out of the deep chair by the fire and came to hand the tea.

"You see, I had to bring him seeing he owned the car," he said. "You for that..."

"What a banquet," Derek Jekyll said, looking at the cakes, hot and cold, the cream and honey and potted meat and raspberry jam.

"The cook spoils me," said Beata, laughing. "She thinks I have a too disproportionate appetite for sweet things. We send these dainties away every day, but there is no chance of our being rationed. We are in clover, you see."

Anthony Napier was devoting himself to Mrs. de Burgh glancing now and again half humorously towards Beata and young Jekyll.

"By the way," he said, "that man-servant of yours is a queer lot. You don't mind my mentioning it? He told us you were not at home. We were being turned from the door when Miss de Burgh appeared."

"I wondered when Beata jumped up and went out into the hall," said Mrs. de Burgh, innocently. "I am so glad you were not turned away."

"He wouldn't have got rid of us so easily as all that," Mr. Napier said. "We should have come in and explored the house for you."

Dash had suddenly got up from a distant corner of the room where he had been lying, and had come and put his head on the young man's knee. Mrs. de Burgh was thinking what a very pleasant way

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Anthony Napier had with him, so easy and gay and yet so thoroughly well-bred.

"He remembers me from the other days," said Anthony Napier, joyfully. "By Jove, what a compliment! I'm so glad you like me, old fellow. I like you tremendously."

"Dogs always like Tony," said Derek Jekyll. "Not only his own dogs, you know, but all dogs."

"Oh, I'm a fool about them, and they know it," said Captain Napier, drawing Dash's silky ears between his fingers.

"Did you hear, Beata?" her mother put in. "Captain Napier has just been telling me that Cronech told them we were out, and was just sending them away. You only appeared in time. What do you think of it?"

"We shouldn't have gone though," Derek Jekyll said, with sudden audacity. He was getting over his first shyness. "I had put my foot in the door so he shouldn't close it against us. I was going to suggest that we should come in and wait."

"Does he drink?" Captain Napier asked anxiously. "I thought I noticed something odd. And if so, is he safe? Who have you got in the house?"

He addressed Mrs. de Burgh, but his gaze included Beata. Somehow the anxiety in his tones pleased and just slightly embarrassed her.

"I think we would be more than a match for Cronech," said Mrs. de Burgh. "Beata and I and Dash and Mrs. Cronech."

"Oh, he has a wife. You can depend on her?"

"I think we can depend on Mrs. Cronech," Beata said. "She has conceived an extraordinary affection for us, poor soul!"

"Ah, that is good," said Anthony Napier, with a deep sigh of relief. "All too soon Anthony Napier looked at his watch and said regretfully that he feared they must go. There was obvious unwillingness in the way he stood up. But now the weather was open again the beagling would be resumed, so they must hope for Thursday.

Derek Jekyll was quite sure his mother could bring the big car for Mrs. de Burgh and Beata. Thursday then, unless the frost returned. It would be something to look forward to, Captain Napier said, gazing intently at Beata.

Derek must bring his little sister, Ethelwynne. Miss de Burgh and she would be pals. Ethelwynne was so keen.

They saw their visitors off from the hall door, all in a glow of good feeling. It had been delightful, and Thursday was not so far away.

"How different the Moated Grange seems when one has found friends and neighbours," said Beata, standing, with one slender foot on the fender, by the drawing-room fire. She had just dressed for dinner in a green frock which became her mightily, and she was gazing at her own reflection in the glass above the chimney-piece with a new interest.

"Yes," assented Mrs. de Burgh. "And wasn't it lucky I had put on this tea-gown, Beata? You were really very wise and dear to make me get it. We could not have anticipated afternoon callers at the Moated Grange, and I thought it an unnecessary expense at the time."

Beata, laughed, seized her mother in a rough, loving embrace, and hugged her.

"You can't imagine how pretty you looked, you dear, innocent thing," she said. "Your daughter has no chance against you." I could see that Captain Napier was fearfully taken."

"You absurd child!" said her mother, "when he had eyes only for you. And the other dear, little boy!" You must not encourage him, Beata."

But, all the same, she looked well pleased.

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ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 312.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, January 13, 1928.

1. Will those of any rank with previous experience, however small, in anti-aircraft artillery work kindly communicate with the Adjutant.

2. Camp Pay.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that Camp Pay has been issued to Os./C. Units, and must be drawn and signed for before 20th January on which date undrawn pay reverts to Government.

3. Musketry.

Sunday, 15th January, 1928. Corp Signals, Portuguese Company and Casuals will fire Part II Table T. at Stonecutters Range.

Range Officers: Lieut. M. G. Noll and 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 13th January, 1928, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 14th January, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

4. Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. Lists of names are posted on Corps Headquarters. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, 25th January, 1928, the last day on which Part II will be fired.

5. Peak Range.

The Peak Range is allotted to Units as follows until further orders: Portuguese Company—Last Sunday of each month.

Infantry Company—First Sunday of each month except February when Sunday, 12th February is allotted. Corp Signals—Sunday, 5th February.

6. Corps Signals.

Musketry Part II see order No. 3. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 16th and Thursday, 19th January, 1928 for Signal Instruction.

7. Artillery Company.

Camp will be held at Tai Lam from Friday, 13th to Sunday, 15th January, 1928.

All ranks will parade at Kowloon Ferry 17.30. Drill Order Annual General Meeting will be held at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 19th January, 1928 at 17.30. All ranks are asked to make a special point of being present.

8. Armoured Car Company.

All Officers, N.C.O.s and Men shall make a point of attending at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, 16th January at 5.30 p.m. to receive their camp pay and allowances. If they do not attend then, the money will be returned to Government.

Lecture. There will be a lecture to all ranks of Armoured Car Company at 6 p.m. on Monday, 16th January at Corps Headquarters.

Musketry Part II will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 22nd January. Range Officer: Lieut. J. Norrie-Owen.

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THE STREET BATTLE.

PRISONER ASKS FOR EARLY CONVICTION.

"The sooner I am convicted the less I shall be offended," said Chan Hung who is charged on two counts of murder in connexion with the shooting affray on December 7, on being committed for trial to the February Criminal Sessions by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the case was resumed.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted for the Crown.

Chan Chun, C. 454, said that on the morning in question he was at the Yaumati ferry wharf at the foot of Jubilee Street when he heard the sound of police whistles coming from the west. He hurried in that direction and saw the defendant, who was dressed in white and carried a firearm, running into Jubilee Street. Witness followed and saw the defendant shoot at an Indian constable. The constable leaned against the wall and groaned, while the defendant continued his flight up Jubilee Street which, except for themselves, was deserted.

On reaching Des Voeux Road the defendant turned east and continued in that direction as far as the Fire Station when he turned down Queen Victoria Street and came on to the Praya again.

Searcher Shot.

He then turned towards the Yaumati ferry wharf and witness saw Wan Wong-chi try to intercept the defendant. The defendant fired at the searcher and he collapsed.

After this the defendant gained the footpath under the verandahs and continued his run east until he turned up Pottinger Street, reaching Des Voeux Central where he again turned east. Witness then saw Chan San standing on the south side of the road and they both ran after the defendant.

Chan fired at the defendant who returned the fire and wounded Chan. He carried on however and at Chiu Loong Street the defendant stopped to reload. Witness and Chan then opened fire together and the defendant fell to the ground. When they reached him they found a revolver lying in the palm of his open right hand, while his left hand covered some live cartridges.

The defendant cried out that he was dying and Chan was on the verge of collapse. Both men were removed to hospital.

Other witnesses were called who gave evidence with regard to the chase and the firing of the shots, one of these being at the Yaumati ferry who spoke of seeing the defendant shoot his colleague, Wan Wong-chi.

Detective Inspector Lane gave evidence of receiving the revolver, ammunition, and other articles connected with the affair.

This concluded the case for the Crown.

After being cautioned and asked if he had anything to say the defendant replied "No."

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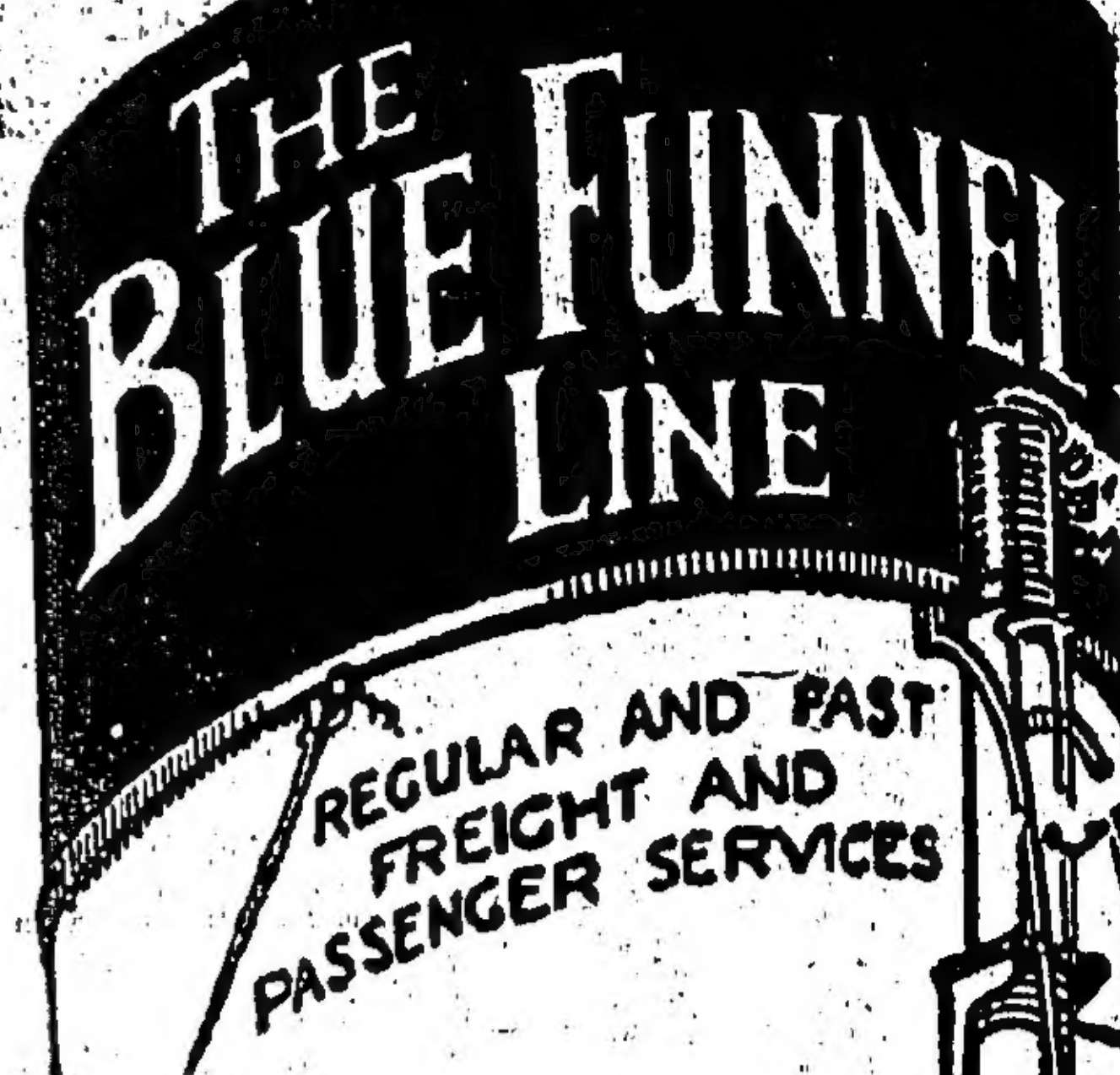
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whatever," after which he said "The sooner I am convicted the less shall I be offended."

He was committed for trial at the February Quarter Sessions.



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MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
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KHYA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok.
KARMALA	9,128	11th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
INAGFORE	5,283	17th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
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MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok.
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

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9. Infantry Company.
No. 1 Platoon. Parades will be held at 5.30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday until further notice. The additional parades on Fridays have been arranged to enable those who are in arrears with drills to make up their requisite number and it is hoped that full advantage will be taken of the two days per week now available for parades.
Friday, 13th January and Tuesday, 17th January.
Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.
No. 2 Platoon. Parade on Tuesday, 17th January at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters. Dress: Belt, rifle and bayonet.
10. Scottish Company.
Thursday, 19th January at 5.30 p.m. All platoons will parade at Platoon Headquarters for Squad Drill with arms. Dress: Muffi, rifle, belt and bayonet.
Musketry Part II. All those who have not yet fired must do so on or before Sunday, 29th January, 1928.
11. Portuguese Company.
Parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 13th January, 1928 for Arms and Squad drill. Dress: Muffi, Belt, bayonet, rifle, and bayonet.
Next Company parade 20th January.
Musketry. All ranks who have not fired or who have failed Part II are again reminded that the 15th January is the last occasion on which they may fire.
Special Lewis Gun Instruction.
There will be an additional parade for N.C.O.s and Nos. 1 and 2 only of the Lewis Gun Sections at Corps Headquarters each Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. commencing 17th January. N.C.O.s are requested to warn their men. Dress: Muffi. Overalls to be drawn from Store.

12. Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength on 5.1.28, and posted to the Portuguese Company.
No. 1288 Pte. J. C. Santos.
No. 1289 Pte. W. M. Lawrence.
No. 1290 Pte. H. M. Britto.
13. Promotions and Appointments.
The following promotions and appointments take effect from 10th January, 1928.
Corps Signals.
No. 806 Corp. J. B. Bottomley to be Sergeant.
No. 703 Signaller J. T. Prior to be Lance Corporal.
No. 734 Signaller T. V. Harmon to be Lance Corporal.
No. 758 Signaller G. B. Slipper to be Lance Corporal.
No. 1272 Signaller D. S. Igglesden, M. M. to be Lance Corporal.
Artillery Company.
No. 1080 Gr. Nicholson, L. F. to be L/Bombardier. No. 2 Gun.
No. 849 Gr. Lawson, W. G. to be L/Bombardier and is posted to No. 1 Gun.
No. 5 Platoon.
No. 124 Corp. C. Young to be Sergeant.
14. Leave.
The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:
No. 1 Corp. J. A. Lyon, Reserve Company, from 18.2.28, to 17.12.28.
No. 90 R.Q.M.S. W. E. Hollands from 17.1.28, to 31.1.28.
No. 345 C.Q.M.S. P. W. Ramsay, Scottish Company having returned from leave assumes duty, as from 7th January, 1928.
15. Transfer.
No. 1077 Pte. J. Isaac is transferred from the Corps Signals to the Armoured Car Company, as from 14.2.27.
16. Reversion.
No. 657 A/C.Q.M.S. J. W. Blackley,

TREATY REVISION.

CHINESE DELEGATES SAID TO BE CHOSEN.

Atlantic City, Jan. 12.
The revision of Sino-American Treaties within the next three months is predicted. Dr. Wang Shih, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is said to have been informed that at least three Chinese have been named by the two Chinese Governments to participate in the negotiations.—Reuter's American Service.

Scottish Company reverts to his permanent rank, as from 7.1.28.
17. Major H.B.L. Dowbiggin to take over President Regimental Institute, as from 1.1.28.

18. Marksman.
The undermentioned has qualified as marksman and is entitled to wear the badge for one year:
No. 713 Pte. A. Murdoch, Reserve Company 96 points.

19. Struck off the Strength.
Having left the Colony, as from 10.1.28.
No. 897 C.S.M. J. W. Henderson, Armoured Car Company.
No. 350 Pte. L.M.S. Lloyd, Armoured Car Company.
No. 550 Pte. J.C.M. Smith, No. 1 Platoon.
No. 1087 Pte. J. J. Lima, No. 10 Platoon.

No. 697 Pte. J. Chatterton, Armoured Car Company, as from 2.2.28.
Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 7.1.28.
No. 436 Pte. W. J. Hinton, Reserve Company.
R. A. Wolfe Murray, Major, ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.

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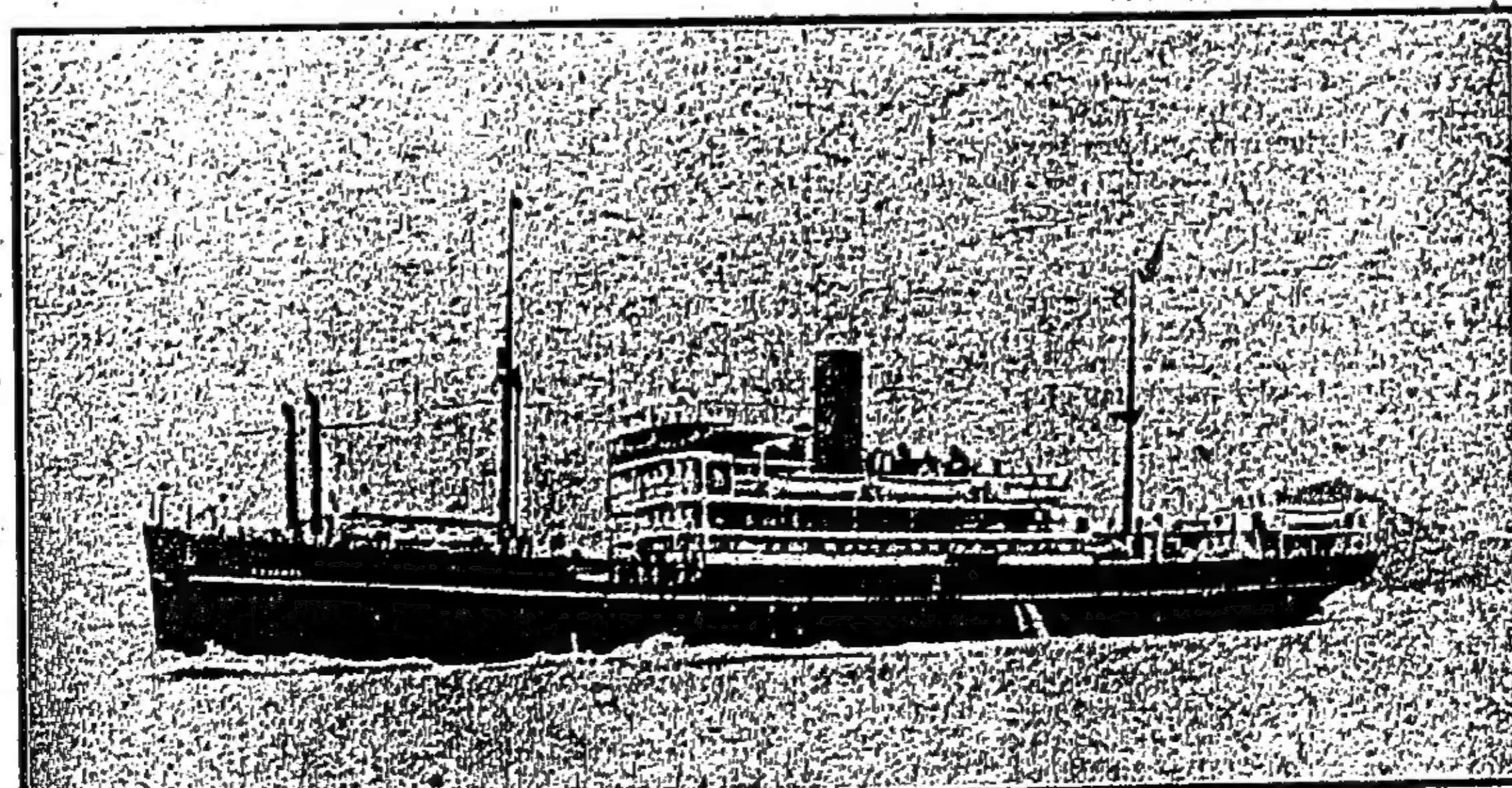
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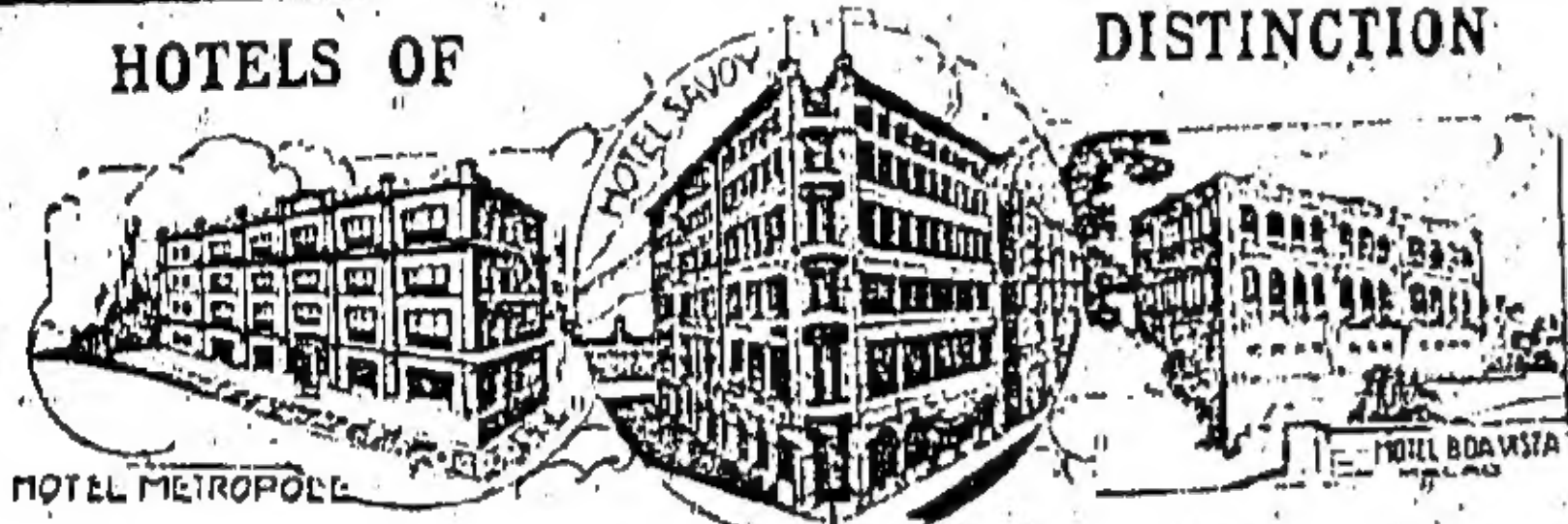
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PRIZE DAY AT QUEEN'S
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Through the kindness of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. we were able to have our swimming sports again this year. As there is no space for any visitors or spectators at the Y.M.C.A. baths some of the events which were formerly had were curtailed or omitted, but the meeting was very successful. Earlier in the year on a few holidays we had all-day bathing parties when upwards of 600 boys went out to bathe. These excursions, however, though they are a great enjoyment for the boys are such a perfect nightmare for whoever has charge of them that they are not altogether the pleasure they appear. However, thanks to the kindness of the military authorities we were enabled to have ten good swimmers from the regiment with us each time who were always swimming about in the water, in case of emergency. Fortunately there were no mishaps. These all-day parties are an expensive item which cannot be indulged in frequently.

Our annual running and jumping competition took place in April in very good weather. A large contingent of the members of the Q.C.O.B.A. and other old boys were present and added to the interest by competing in some of the events. Through the generosity of the Q.C.O.B.A. refreshments were provided for the whole school. The interest and appreciation which the past pupils show in the activities of the present pupils is a greater stimulus almost than anything else in the work and sport of the school. I need not emphasize how favourably it reacts on the general conduct and character of the pupils. The various branches of sport are among the links which bind most closely the present with the past. Another close and very important link is the school magazine. It has had a very successful year—I don't mean financially. Many of the old boys read it; I wish more of them would write for it. For well over a quarter of a century now it has chronicled an invaluable record of the activities which go on within these walls.

Moulding Character.

But after all, all of these things are more or less *parerga*. The chief work of a school is the developing of boys in mind and the moulding of their characters so that they fit them for the occupations of their after years. We have carried through the year's work steadily and on the whole well. The standard of work as judged by examinations seems to be getting slightly harder. The actual courses of work done are systematic, broad, and helpful.

Boys are coming to us younger than they are used to do. The Director of Education has demanded that in future the limit of age to Class 8 be made a year younger still. The age of a Chinese boy between 8 and 20 years shows remarkable elasticity. This is bound up with Chinese methods of reckoning birth and their sixty-year-cycle. But I should like to emphasize for the benefit of Chinese parents that the object of the Director of Education in making the age limit under 13 for Class 8 was not to increase this elasticity but simply to get the boys younger.

There is another matter, too, which I should like to emphasize to parents. A great many parents use every effort to get their sons into the school; and this is all to their credit. But when they have secured this they think their duties are finished. But they have a far more important constant duty and that is, to see that their sons or wards work well, keenly and systematically during the years while they are here.

In the lower school, 376 boys were examined and of these 303 or 80 1/2% passed. In Class 3 were examined 174 boys, and of these 93 or 53 1/2% passed. In the previous year the percentage of passes in the lower school and upper school were respectively 85% and 67%. We enter all boys in Class 2 for the Junior Local Examinations. This year for the Junior Local Examination we presented 108 students (67 from Q.C., 41 from K.C.). Of these 45 passed or 42%, gaining 50 distinctions. Of these students 67 were Q.C. boys of whom 36 passed or 53%, gaining 44 distinctions. Last year 51 entered for the Junior and 22 passed, or 43%, gaining 8 distinctions. 41 boys were from K.C. Classes. Of these 9 passed or 22%, with six distinctions.

We enter the whole of Class 1 for the Senior Local and Matriculation Examinations. This year we presented 30 boys. Of these 24 passed, or 80%. Twelve of these were in the Matriculation and 12 in the Senior Local, with 8 distinctions and one boy Li Kai-yung in the honours list. Last year we presented 28 boys of whom 20 passed or 71%.

Last year we won the King Edward VII Scholarship in double measure; two students qualifying for it. This year, owing to the fact that the results from the outposts are not complete, the award of this highly valued scholarship has not yet been announced.

Honoured by University.

We hope that these successful boys in their future careers will do us no less credit than their predecessors have done and are doing. We are pleased to see that among those whom the University has honoured this year are some of our former pupils. The Ho Fook Scholarship at the University which is the award to the best student in the Arts Course, 2nd Year, has been awarded to Kwong Sik-kwong, our Senior Morrison Scholar of two years ago. And in the 3rd Year at the University the Chan Kai-ming Scholarship, which is the award to the best student in the 3rd Year, Art Course, has been awarded to Chang Yu-man, a Senior Morrison

Scholar of three years ago. These results are very gratifying. It is also a pleasure to be able to say that this year the Trustees of our Morrison Scholarship Fund have not only increased the Senior Morrison Scholarship to \$150, but have introduced an Intermediate Morrison Scholarship, and have also increased the Junior Morrison Scholarship to \$100 to meet the increase of fees in the Upper School.

Then of the sixteen graduates who were capped a few days ago no less than six are alumni of this College. And of the Medical Graduates, two. We present all boys in Class 2 for the Junior Local Examination and no boy who fails in the Junior can be promoted to Class 1 or presented for the Matriculation until he has passed the Junior. It seems to me to be most important that the Head Masters of Schools concerned should refuse to present any boy for the Senior Local or Matriculation who does not already hold a Junior Local certificate.

To facilitate the work of the Head Masters of Schools and to prevent fraud, I venture to suggest to the University Authorities that every certificate given to a student for passing the Junior, Senior, or Matriculation Examination should bear the photo of the successful candidate, and, if he is a Chinese student, his name in Chinese characters as well as the Romanized form. As is well known, the spelling in the Romanized form varies almost beyond recognition. Neither of these suggestions should be so difficult a matter as may appear at first sight, for the Authorities already demanded three photos from every student with his application form, and the Chinese characters for the student's name.

Aim of Education.

No subject is the butt of so many or such virulent attacks as education. Every would-be reformer has a dig at it. Mr. Wells in one of his more serious works says:—"In no part of our social life is dull traditionalism so powerfully entrenched as it is in our educational organisation." Prof. Schiller in one of his vitriolic works says:—"Great as is the vogue of humbug in politics, it is even greater in education." But there is another side to this question. Education is bound up with the past as well as with the future. No system which fails to recognise the great heritage of the past, to reverence it and hand it on improved, can hope to be a participant in the production of a stable or successful future.

Many of those who have passed through school readily acknowledge that they have forgotten most of the subjects they were then taught. But even granting this they gratefully recognise not only the happiness of their school days but the worth of the school tradition and training. They would be more inclined to sum up the value of their early school education in the words of one of our poets:—

"It's good" to see the school we knew,
The land of youth and dream,
To greet again the rule we knew
Before we took the stream:
Though long we've missed the
Sight of her,
Our hearts may not forget;
We've lost the old delight of her,
We keep her honour yet."

H.E.'S CONGRATULATIONS.

After presenting the prizes His Excellency said:—Mr. Headmaster, I congratulate you on the very satisfactory report which you have presented for the year 1927. It was a difficult year for Queen's College, because owing to the requirements of the Shanghai Defence Force it became necessary for you to accommodate a large part of the pupils of King's College. The smooth working of so difficult an arrangement reflects great credit on the staff and administrative organization of Queen's College and I thank you for the manner in which you helped to solve an awkward problem. King's College, I am glad to say, has since the beginning of this year, reoccupied its own premises.

The percentage of passes in matriculation and senior and junior local examinations obtained by Queen's College is creditable. The school continues to do good work and maintains its position as the premier school of the Colony. I commend to you, masters and boys alike, as your motto for this year, the last record made by those who watched Mallory and Irvine attempting to reach the summit of Mount Everest—"Going strong for the top!"

I wish you all every happiness and success in the New Year.

Three hearty cheers were then given for His Excellency.

PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows:

Scholarship List.

Senior Morrison—Li Kai-yung.
Intermediate Morrison—Pau Koon-lai.

Blake Scholarship—Chan Kam-tai.
Wright Scholarship—Lau Yu-sum.
Senior Bellios—Chan Wai-hau.
Ho Tung Scholarship—Chow Kwok-sik.

Ho Kum-long Scholarship—D. Hunt.
Leo Hy-san Scholarship—M. R. Abbas.

Ho Fook Scholarship—Mok Ying-ki.
Junior Bellios—Li Shing-yung.
Lugard Scholarship—Lau Ping-kwong.

Junior Morrison—Lo Chi-kai.
Alfred J. May Scholarship—Shum Tsak-shu.

Full Government Free Scholarship for three years—Ko Ping-chuen, Leung Kwok-tai, Hung Man-chiu, Leung Wai-luen, Ip Kam-wing, Fung Kam-to and Li Kai-tit.

Full Govt. Free Scholarship. (Class 5 to 4).—Chu Chee-chek.

A. W. Grant Scholarship.—Tam Chun-lan.

Ho Wing Scholarship.—Shiu Tat-luen.

Ho Yu Scholarship.—Wong Khe-chik.

Full Govt. Free Scholarship. (Class 6 to 5).—Lai Li-ying.

Ho Kwong Scholarship.—Kwok Kam-lun.

T. K. Dealy Scholarship.—Wong Kwok-tsek.

Full Govt. Free Scholarship. (Class 7 to 6).—Luk Man-lok.

Ng In Scholarship.—Lai Kam-tong.

E. Ralphs Scholarship.—Tsai Chak-lam.

Full Govt. Free Scholarship. (Class 8 to 7).—Pung Hang-cheung.

Tsang Chung Scholarship.—Fong Chun-kwan.

Kong Ki-fai Scholarship.—Wu Tse-po.

Special Prizes.

Ralphs Head Prefect Medal.—Chung King-pak.

Machell Memorial Prize.—T. O. Edwards.

Henry G. Leong Prize for Composition.—Wei Hee (Class 1), D. Hunt (Class 2), Lee Hau-mo (Class 3).

Rumjeh Prize for Literature.—Yeung Shui-hung.

Prize for Mathematics.—(Class 1) Tang Hung-fai; (Class 2) Wong Mung-ki.

Composition Prizes.—C. 2A, D. Hunt; 3B, Liu Kwok-hong; C. 3A, Wong Yat-hing; 5, Non-Chi, A. H. Ismail; K. 3A, Wei Tso-wang.

History Prizes.—F. 3A, Mok Ying-ki; C. 3A, Li Shing-yung; C. 3B, Lau Kwok-cheung; 3 Non-Chinese, A. H. Ismail; K. 3A, Lau Tak-cheuk; K. 3B, Wu Hung-tak.

Special Translation Prizes.—Grade 1, Li Kai-yung (F. 1) and Chow Kwok-sik (F. 2A); Grade 2, Chan Chiu (F. 3A) and Lai Chi-chung; Grade 2, Fung Kam-ho and So Ming-mun.

Special Vernacular Prizes.—1st, Chan Tso-cheung; 2nd, So Tsang-yee; 3rd, Lo Hau-ting; 4th, Tam Yuk-tsun; 5th, Ngan Kwai-tong.

Distinction Prizes (Matriculation & Senior Local).—Li Kai-yung (6), Chan Wai-hau (1); Chan Wai-hon (1); Tang Hung-fai (1); Yeung Shui-hung; (1); Yu Pak-chuen (1).

Junior Local.—Li Kai-yung (4), Tse Kong-in (4), Fung Hing-kun (3), J. Hunt (3), So Kai-sang (3), Cheung King-chiu (3), Chin Pak-po (2), Chow Kwok-sik (2), Ho Hung-chin (2), D. Hunt (2), Li Fuk-cho (2), Li Kai-yung (2), Pang Ying-chun (2), Harbans Singh (2), Wong Mun-fai (2), M. R. Abbas (2), Bashir Ahmed (1), Chan Po-ying (1), Chau Ching-ho (1), Chau Ho-man (1), Fung Shiu-yau (1), Leung Mo-shun (1), Lee Chung (1), Ling Kam-ho (1), Lo Hong (1), Liang Kwok-tsun (1), Wong Kam-ming (1), Wong Wing-hang (1), Woo Yuk-fan (1).

Class Prizes.—F. 1, 1st, Wei Hee; 2nd, Pang Yu-ki. C. 1, 1st, Yuen Chin-fan; 2nd, Tang Hung-fai. F. 2A, 1st, Tse Kong-in; 2nd, Li Kai-yung. F. 2B, 1st, Li Fuk-cho; 2nd, Wat Hei-ki. C. 2, 1st, Pang Ying-chun; 2nd, Jek Hunt. K. 2A, 1st, Chin Pak-po; 2nd, Fung Hing-kun. K. 2B, 1st, Lau Shing-ki. F. 3A, 1st, Lee Chi-cheung; 2nd, Li Hau-mo. F. 3B, 1st, Li Fuk-hong; 2nd, Fung Ying-ho. C. 3A, 1st, Hoi Cheung-yuen; 2nd, Chan Chi-chu. C. 3B, 1st, Lau Kwok-cheung; 2nd, Lee Chung. 3 Non-Chinese, 1st, A. H. Ismail; 2nd, A. H. Ismail. K. 3A, 1st, Lau Tak-cheuk; 2nd, Wai Po-kam. K. 3B, 1st, Lee Ping-cheung; 2nd, Tso Nai-keung.

Lower School.—4A, 1st, Wong Yuk-ye; 2nd, Ng Chiu-ying. 4B, 1st, Wong Hung-wai; 2nd, Ho Kwan-mo. K. 4A, 1st, Ip Tai-chiu; 2nd, Ma Shiu-hang. K. 4B, 1st, Ho Kwan-mo; 2nd, Lau Man-ching. 5A, 1st, Hung Mo-chiu; 2nd, Ho Yuk-kin. 5B, 1st, Cheung Hing-lee; 2nd, Lam Tin-yuen. 6A, 1st, Leung Sik-kwan; 2nd, Ho Pak-hi. 6B, 1st, Fung Kwong-hi; 2nd, Ip Chi-chiu. 7A, 1st, Ng Chi-keung; 2nd, Lam Tat-tsoi. 7B, 1st, Chiu Chung-po; 2nd, Ho Hung-por. 8A, 1st, Tong Po-fook; 2nd, Yuen Hin. 8B, 1st, Lee Kwok-wai; 2nd, Leung Chi-yun. 8C, 1st, Ko Koon-wai; 2nd, Fung Yee-man.

Vernacular Prize List.

Upper School.—F. 1, 1st, Chan Kai-wai; 2nd, Cheung King-pak. C. 1, 1st, Yuen Chin-fan; 2nd, Chan Wai-hon. F. 2A, 1st, Chan Wai-hon; 2nd, Wong Mung-fai. F. 2B, 1st, Yuen Yue-cheung; 2nd, Wat Hoi-ki. C. 2, 1st, Wong Kam-ming; 2nd, Wong Wing-hang. K. 2A, 1st, Leung Mo-shun; 2nd, Yuen Hin. K. 2B, 1st, Lau Shing-ki. F. 3A, 1st, Lau Chi-chung; 2nd, Li Po-pun. F. 3B, 1st, So Tsang-yee; 2nd, Li Fuk-hong. C. 3A, 1st, Hui Cheung-yuen; 2nd, Kwan Fong-po. C. 3B, 1st, Lau Hoi-ting; 2nd, Chan Kim-ling.

Lower School.—4A, 1st, Koo Wong-wan; 2nd, Liu Kwok-mun. 4B, 1st, Fung Kuo-kwong; 2nd, Ip Koon-in. K. 4A, 1st, Yu Kam-lan; 2nd, Chan Siu-cheung. K. 4B, 1st, Lau Man-ching; 2nd, Lo Cheung-shum. 5A, 1st, So Ming-mun; 2nd, Tsui Shiu-sze. 5B, 1st, Leung Yat-ho; 2nd, Fung Kai-fee. 6A, 1st, Kan Kwai-chiu; 2nd, Chan Wai-nam. 6B, 1st, Chan Yat-sang; 2nd, Teol Hon. 7A, 1st, Chan Ping-cheung; 2nd, Chan Shiu-shun. 7B, 1st, Miu Yuck-ki; 2nd, Leung Koon-tat. 8A, 1st, Yuen Hin-ii; 2nd, Wong Yu-wing. 8B, 1st, Leung Chi-yun; 2nd, Fung Choi-ii. 8C, 1st, Fung Yee-man; 2nd, Ko Koon-wai.

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